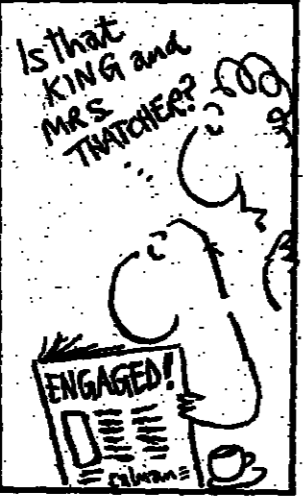


BA chairman confident of sale this year

By Edward Townsend and Anthony Bevins
British Airways could still be privatized before the end of the year, Lord King of Warratby, the chairman, said yesterday after what he described as a "very friendly and constructive" meeting with the Prime Minister.



Lord King leaving Downing Street after yesterday's meeting with Mrs Thatcher.

Mitterrand to name Right premier today

From Diana Geddes, Paris
In an unexpected statement from the Elyse Palace on television last night, President Mitterrand announced that he would name a new Prime Minister today, and that he or she would come from the ranks of France's new Right-wing majority.

Table with 2 columns: Party, Seats (Total Assembly 591), Seats (Total Assembly 572). Rows include PC, PS, Diverses, RPR, UDF, Diverses night, Non-affiliated, Other right.

Palace is silent on wedding rumours

By Alan Hamilton
Buckingham Palace yesterday continued to maintain a discreet silence in the face of a mounting frenzy of speculation over the possible announcement of an engagement between Prince Andrew and Miss Sarah Ferguson.

Speaker prevents bid to name vicar

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter
The Speaker last night blocked an attempt in the Commons by Mr Geoffrey Dickens, the campaigner against child abuse, to name in a Parliamentary question, a Humberside vicar accused of sexually assaulting a boy.

Tomorrow Budget special

The Times contains comprehensive coverage of today's Budget, with eight pages of news and analysis of the Chancellor's proposals, together with background comment and interpretation from expert business and city writers led by Kenneth Fleet

Britain wins its court fight on EEC budget

From Richard Owen, Brussels
Britain yesterday won an injunction at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg blocking extra spending in the EEC budget voted for by the European Parliament.

Palme murder hunt charge

From Christopher Mosey Stockholm
Swedish police appeared last night to be on the verge of a breakthrough in their hunt for the assassin of the Swedish Prime Minister, Mr Olof Palme.

Pope will visit Rome synagogue

Rome (Reuters) - The Pope will visit Rome's synagogue next month in what Vatican sources said would be a landmark in Catholic-Jewish relations.

Sterling is firm on Budget eve

By David Smith Economics Correspondent
The pound and share prices held up well on the eve of today's Budget, which is expected to herald an early move towards cheaper borrowing.

Across the net

Chris Evert Lloyd on Martina Navratilova

Portfolio

The Times Portfolio competition prize of £4,000 - double the usual amount because there was no winner on Saturday - was won yesterday by Mrs M Crookshank of Saltash, Cornwall. Portfolio list, page 24; how to play, information service, page 20.

Mail jobs go

Associated Newspapers, owners of the Daily Mail and Mail on Sunday, announced a £130 million switch to new technology, involving an initial 20 per cent cut in staff.

Legendary hero of Arab Legion dies

By Patricia Clough
Sir John Glubb, better known as Glubb Pasha, one of the most romantic and legendary figures from the days of the Empire, died yesterday aged 88.

Joseph suffers tomato barrage from students

Police used umbrellas to shield Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, from a hail of tomatoes, orange peel and drink cartons at a university demonstration yesterday.

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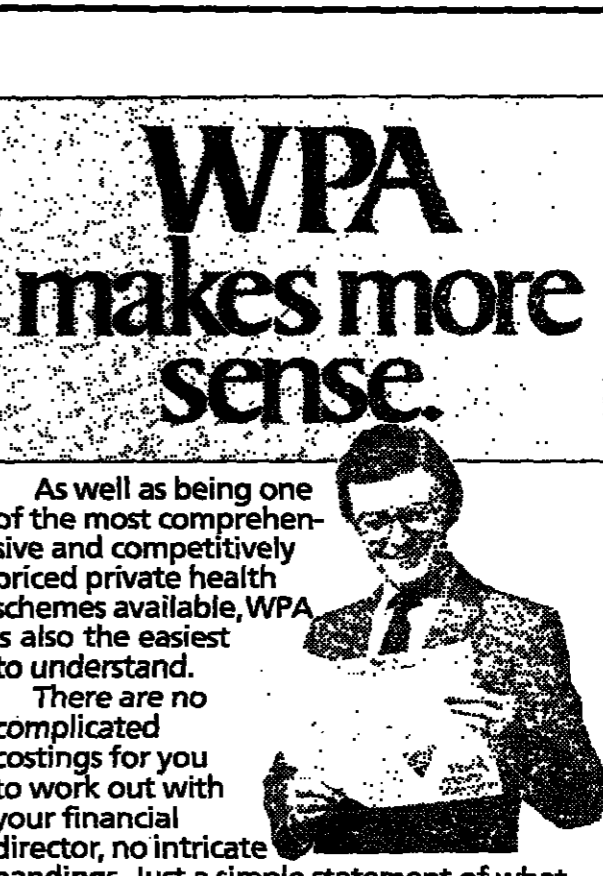
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Dismay over Land Rover negotiations

Mr David Andrews, who is leading the management buy-out bid for Land Rover, complained last night that there had been no meetings in the past week to take the negotiations forward.

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Form for requesting WPA private health insurance details, including fields for Name, Address, and contact information.

Daily Mail to reduce print staff by 20% in switch

By Michael Horsnell

Associated Newspapers, owners of *Daily Mail* and *Mail on Sunday*, yesterday announced plans for its £130 million switch to new technology which will mean a substantial reduction in its workforce.

The group said that it has already concluded negotiations with the print unions for a 20 per cent reduction of staff in its main production areas.

But bigger reductions will be necessary by the time its papers are moved to a new printing plant in London's docklands by the end of 1988.

The move, which has been brought forward because of competition from the birth of its new rival, *Today*, will be funded mainly by the group's "substantial existing resources" and by lease and bank finance.

As part of its strategy associated announced plans for raising almost £30 million from existing shareholders by selling new shares.

● A move to have the print union, Sogat '82, punished for alleged contempt of court over the dispute which has halted the *Scottish Daily Record*, was deferred in the High Court in London.

Mr Robert Maxwell's *Scottish Daily Record* and *Sunday*

Teachers test law on contracts

By Lucy Hodges Education Correspondent

Teachers were not pack-horses on whom extra burdens could be loaded as a result of financial constraint or because they had always done certain duties out of good will, the High Court was told yesterday.

Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC, for the National Union of Teachers, explained at the opening of a test case on whether teachers were contractually obliged to cover for absent colleagues that spending cuts had led to a reduction in the number of supply staff available.

Mr Tabachnik said that that had increased the burden and meant that teachers' activities, which were voluntary, had been increasingly regarded as contractual in order to ensure that the duties would still be performed. The case is expected to last six to eight days.

The NUT, the biggest teachers' union, has brought the case against four local authorities, Rotherham, Doncaster, Solihull and Croxson, which last year deducted pay from teachers who refused to cover a lesson for absent colleagues.

Four teachers refused to cover on the grounds that the duty was voluntary and was being withdrawn as part of last year's pay dispute. Each authority had a rule that teachers had to cover for the first three days of another teacher's being absent.

Mr Tabachnik told Mr Justice Scott that the authorities had no right to deduct the money, which amounted to £9.65 in total. Despite the size of the sum involved, "the issue is one which is very important to teachers and employers in the state secondary school system", Mr Tabachnik said.



Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother being greeted by Connor, an Irish wolfhound and the new regimental mascot, when she presented shamrock to the Irish Guards at Chelsea Barracks, London, on St Patrick's Day yesterday.

Labour attack on Wapping violence

By Richard Evans, Lobby Correspondent

Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour Party, yesterday condemned the picket line violence in the Wapping dispute and hinted that extremists were to blame.

He spoke against attempts to blockade the News International plant, in east London, last Saturday, and said the violence was working against the interests of the print unions.

Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative Party Chairman, who like Mr Hattersley was speaking during the Fulham by-election campaign, said the action taken by Mr Rupert Murdoch and Mr Eddy Shah would lead to extra jobs in the newspaper and printing industry.

Mr Hattersley, who has been one of the most outspoken critics of the company's move to Wapping, said: "I do not approve of blockading of premises. I do approve of demonstrating strong opposition to what I regard as an intolerable way of running a newspaper, an intolerable way of employing staff and an intolerable way of sacking staff."

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, the

Labour linked to crime rise

Fulham by-election

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative Party chairman, became embroiled in a new controversy yesterday after linking Britain's rapid increase in crime with the "Bernie Grants of this world".

He said: "Are you surprised that crime has gone up, not least in London, when we have local authorities, peopled by councillors like Bernie Grant, or local authorities like Islington or the old GLC, fortunately soon to be dead, which spend substantial sums of money seeking to undermine the police?"

Mr Tebbit, speaking during the Fulham by-election campaign, added: "We are working against a tide which was not present 20 years ago. Can you imagine, under a Labour government, Conservative local authority leaders actively seeking to undermine the work of the police and make it more difficult for them? I find it hard to believe."

In a broadside at Labour's hard left, Mr Tebbit added:

Contest blow for Tory

A candidate standing on a "ticket" of opposition to the Anglo-Irish agreement is set to contest the forthcoming Fulham by-election in a move likely to infuriate the Conservative Party.

Mr Boyd Black, an economics lecturer at Queen's University, Belfast, has no formal links with the two Unionist parties, but his entry into the contest is designed to damage Tory prospects.

The decision to ask Mr Black, who has campaigned for the British Labour Party to

'Secret murders' fear of BMA

By Nicholas Timmins Social Services Correspondent

People may be getting away with murder because of flaws in the system of reporting sudden deaths in England, and the situation could become worse if the Home Office changes the rules on cremation, the British Medical Association said yesterday.

It should be mandatory for a doctor to view the body before signing a death certificate, the association says in a report *Deaths in the Community*. All deaths of foster children, children in care and those who have been on "at risk" registers should be reported to the coroner automatically.

In the case of stillbirths, the attending doctor or midwife's certificate should be required and the six-week period for registering them should be reduced.

The report says that with the six-week registration period, "the delays in starting the investigation of suspicious cases are often considerable".

The increase in the number of cremations has meant that relatively few death certificates are issued without the doctor actually seeing the body. The number has fallen from about 100,000 a year to something under 10,000.

The association says that apart from it being mandatory for the doctor to see the body, it should also be possible simply to record the fact of death where he or she is unsure of the cause so that the coroner can investigate further and order a post-mortem.

At present, because the certificate requires the doctor to give a cause of death to the best of his knowledge and belief, some death certificates are filled in with a "speculative or knowingly false cause of death" in the knowledge that cases will be picked up by the registrar and referred to the coroner.

Dr John Havard, secretary of the BMA, said that the aim of the death registration and coroners system should not just be to investigate deaths which look suspicious, but "to find out whether there are grounds for being suspicious".

Repeated surveys had shown that when post-mortems were performed there were often considerable discrepancies between the cause of death on the certificate and the post-mortem findings.

Better training was needed not just to try and detect "secret homicides" but to improve the accuracy of mortality statistics used in much medical research.

Home Office proposals stemming from the Broderick Report on coroners in 1971, which would remove or reduce the present demand that two doctors independently view the body and certify the cause of death before cremation, and that their findings are then checked by a medical referee, could also increase the risk of foul play going undetected.

Princess rewards prison service

Britain's prison service has suffered because of "old-fashioned ideas", Princess Anne said yesterday.

"Too many people thought prisons were purely for punishment and that prison officers had only to stop offenders escaping, she said.

Most people would like to forget about offenders locked behind bars, yet still expected them to emerge as reformed characters.

The Princess, who was presenting the first Butler Trust Awards, praised prison officers for their "forgotten service".

She said: "Conditions in many of Britain's prisons make it well nigh impossible for officers to achieve the rehabilitation of offenders, but we look to the future with confidence.

"Prisons are not a separate world. Unfortunately, for the foreseeable future, they are as much a part of the community as hospitals and schools."

The Princess is patron of the trust, set up in memory of the reforming Home Secretary Mr R.A.B. Butler, to give public recognition to outstanding work in the prison service.

Mr Angus Whyte, education co-ordinator at Edinburgh Prison, won a travel scholarship for his work in forging links with the outside community.

Mr Anthony Mitchell, a Birmingham prison officer, was awarded a bursary for his work with prisoners addicted to hard drugs.

Dr Derek Perkins, principal psychologist at Birmingham Prison, Mr Michael Lewis, governor of Oxford Prison, Mr E. Towson, deputy governor, and Mr Richard Lloyd, medical officer at Oxford, received certificates.

Birmingham gets street racing circuit

An unlikely alliance of a Labour council and the entrepreneurial world of international motor racing will produce Britain's first Monaco-style road race on the streets of Birmingham.

The Birmingham Super Prix, with Formula 3,000 cars racing at speeds of up to 200 mph on a 2.47-mile circuit close to the city centre, will be held on the August Bank holiday weekend.

The £1.5 million event is the first fruit of the city council's Birmingham Road Race Bill, which had to be steered through Parliament last year before plans could be made to turn the city's streets into a road racing circuit.

The council has set aside more than £1 million to stage the event. Yesterday it announced that Halfords, the Midlands-based automotive and cycle products retailer, will provide "six-figure" sponsorship.

More than 100,000 spectators are expected. Eight miles of steel barriers will be erected and grandstands will be built in Bristol Street, Sherlock Street and Belgrave Middleways, the high speed sections of the circuit.

The council has fought hard for the right to stage road racing to bring much needed wealth to the economically depressed area. Council leaders hope it will generate as much as £10 million for the local economy.

Miss Marjorie Brown, chairman of the road race committee, said: "It has taken us nearly 15 years of hard work and a parliamentary Act to reach this stage of one of the city's most exciting projects. It will be magnificent exposure for the city and our sponsors."

Mr John Webb, whose company runs several motor racing circuits, including Brands Hatch, has signed a contract to help to stage the meeting.

Women bailed in London vicarage case

A man was accused in court yesterday of aggravated burglary at a vicarage in west London and two women were accused of dishonest handling.

Ealing magistrates refused to grant bail to Gary Byrne, aged 25, unemployed, of Hanbury Road, Acton, west London, and he will appear in court again on April 8.

The two women, Patricia Brown, aged 48, of Chestnut Grove, Ealing, west London, and Kathleen Byrne, aged 54, of Canada Crescent, Acton, were granted unconditional bail and will appear in court again on April 8.

Three men appeared in court last week accused of raping a woman aged 21 at the vicarage.

Sweatshop economy fear for north-east

West Yorkshire has the lowest pay of the nine main industrial regions of Great Britain, according to a report yesterday by the independent Low Pay Unit.

The report said that 47 per cent of the workforce, 350,000 workers in all, earned less than the Council of Europe's "decency threshold" for wages. Unless urgent action was taken the area could rapidly become a "sweatshop economy".

Mr Chris Pond, the unit's director, said: "The extent of poverty pay in West Yorkshire is a disgrace which local authorities in the region have shown their determination to end. The Low Pay Unit will be working with trade unions and other local organizations in a drive to stamp out the problem."

Speaker blocks MP's attempt to name vicar

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putting the doctor's name in the question Mr Dickens was denying justice. The full details of the case were complex; the man could not defend himself without giving more details which would almost certainly identify the rape victim.

"In the absence of his defence he is being found guilty by Parliamentary privilege, newspaper headlines and now struggles to try to prove his innocence. This is quite contrary to the English law," Dr Clark said.

Mr Kevin McNamara, Labour MP for Hull North, the vicar's MP, said that because of Mr Dickens' action a person had been tried by the media and subjected to a form of "Parliamentary lynch law".

£1m aid boost

Britain is to give another £1.05 million to help African refugees, Mr Timothy Raison, Minister for Overseas Development, said in the Commons yesterday.

The Court of Appeal reversed judgement yesterday on Westminster City Council's attempt to stop the Greater London Council spending more than £76 million on various projects before its abolition at the end of this month.

Hardy divorce

The actor Robert Hardy was awarded a special procedure divorce yesterday because of his two years' separation from his wife Sally. The couple were married for 25 years.

Second victim

Miss Amanda Simms, aged 20, of Salisbury Plain, who suffered 80 per cent burns in a magnesium flash fire at the Farns-Wessex fireworks factory in Salisbury last month, died yesterday. A colleague was killed in the explosion.

Actress out

Lynne Perrie, aged 54, the actress who plays widow Ivy Tilsley in *Coronation Street*, will be out of the television series for a few weeks after a heart operation.

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Sale room

£625,515 Clore miniatures

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Although acknowledging its quality by using it as the cover illustration to its catalogue. It was bought by an unnamed private collector.

The miniature Sotheby's expected to make the top price was the round portrait of Marie Clementine, Archduchess of Austria, by Heinrich Suger, which was dated 1795. It sold for £47,300 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000) to Mr E. Bucher, of Switzerland, Europe's leading dealer in portrait miniatures. Suger was an influential director of the Vienna Academy, painting full-size portraits as well as miniatures.

Other high prices included the £46,200 (estimate £12,000 to £15,000) for Louise d'Aumont, Princesse de Monaco, by Pierre Adolphe Hall, and the £34,100 (estimate £8,000 to £10,000) for a young lady pictured as Sappho leaning on her lyre in a landscape by Francois Dumont.

Science Report

Giotto backs cosmic theory

The results obtained last week from the European satellite Giotto may have resolved a controversy over interstellar and cometary dust.

Professor Sir Fred Hoyle and Professor Chandra Wickramasinghe, of University of Cardiff, have disagreed with most of the astronomical community for more than a decade, maintaining that interstellar dust and comets are predominantly organic.

In 1974, Wickramasinghe argued that astronomical evidence favoured cosmic dust made of an organic polymer typified by polyformaldehyde. In 1975, he and V. Vanysek argued that the parent molecule for cometary radicals such as C₂, CO, CN, was a similar organic polymer.

From 1975, Hoyle and Wickramasinghe accumulated evidence for organic grains in space, and concluded in 1979 that most interstellar dust is biological.

In 1981, laboratory spectroscopy of micro-organisms under simulated space conditions, done with Dr Shirwan Al-Mufti, led to a prediction that cosmic infrared sources at sufficiently large distances should show a characteristic signature of micro-organisms in the 2.9-3.9 micrometre waveband.

That was verified in the following year when D.T. Wickramasinghe and D.A. Allen obtained the first spectrum of the galactic centre infrared source which showed the predicted profile near 3.4 micrometres.

Since 1978, Hoyle and Wickramasinghe have argued that life on earth had its origins in comets and that evolution is controlled by the continuing input of cometary material.

Because of the sporadic nature of the injection of

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comets from the outer solar system, the effect on evolution will also be sporadic, they argue.

Such a sporadic character shows up in the fossil record of the evolution of terrestrial life.

On March 1 this year, Hoyle and Wickramasinghe predicted that most short period comets must develop a tree-like organic skin with a reflectivity of less than 1 per cent.

Higher reflectivities could arise where multiple components in a comet's nucleus jostle with each other to produce a cleaning-up in patches of the surface skin.

The surprisingly low reflectivities reported for the nuclear region of Halley's comet, and the organic compositions found for the bulk of the dust, would seem to vindicate the organic theory of comets, the two astronomers say.

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Whooping cough vaccine goes on trial in test case

A test case claim that a whooping cough vaccine left Johnnie Kinnear, aged 16, with "catastrophic" brain damage when he was 14 months was launched in the High Court yesterday.

Foundation which produced it, has been discontinued. Mr Priest said that at the time the boy was vaccinated he was suffering from a feverish cold and that should have been taken into consideration. He did have an oral immunization for polio at the same time, "but it is not alleged that played any part in the disaster that befell him".

More care urged for schizophrenia

The Government should provide better care for the quarter of a million people who suffer from schizophrenia. Mrs Dorothy Silbertson, vice-chairman of the National Schizophrenia Fellowship, said yesterday.

Couple get inquest on cot death. A couple who lost four babies in seven years and became the focus of a cot death controversy were granted an application by a High Court judge yesterday for a new inquest into the death of their fourth child.

MP raises furniture fire risk

Questions are to be asked in Parliament about the fire safety standard of British furniture after a report published yesterday attacked manufacturers and the Government.

Creditors attack director

Mr Ian Frazer, a director of "Price Slasher", trading as Cabbagrove Ltd, which has gone into liquidation with debts of £1 million, was kicked and punched by creditors at a meeting in the Connaught Rooms, Holborn, central London, yesterday.

The class of 25 is full of culture



Multicultural is the key word for these pupils, aged seven, from Hallfield Junior School in Bayswater, central London. The class of 25 pupils share 24 languages and 52 nationalities...

Society to study report on solicitor

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent. The Law Society is investigating the case of a solicitor who is being sued by a former client, the Iranian state shipping line, for allegedly accepting a "secret commission or bribe" of £133,300.

Satanists 'plotted bank blackmail'

Satanists hatched a blackmail plot to trap a bank manager who had sexual intercourse with a woman customer, the "Satan conman" trial was told yesterday.

35p robber fights life 'recall' system

A man jailed for life for robbing a pet shop of 35p with a starting pistol, yesterday appealed to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg against being recalled to jail without trial.

Terrorist fear in flight plan

An aviation consultant told a Central Criminal Court jury yesterday he had feared that a man he was being asked to help to fly out of Britain was a Libyan terrorist.

Fan jailed for attack in soccer riot

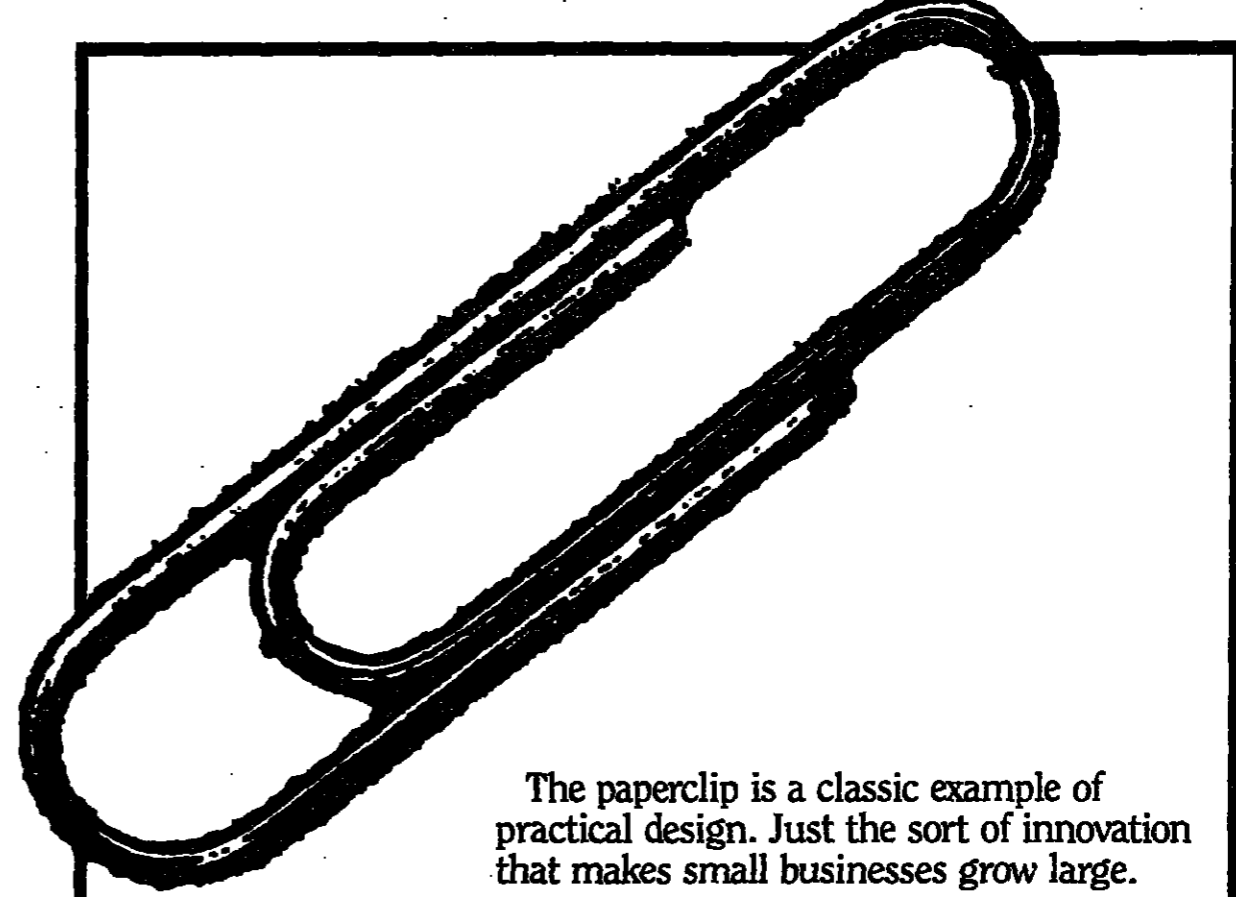
A football supporter was jailed yesterday for attacking the police during one of Britain's worst soccer riots.

Tougher stand on puppy markets urged

Britain's vets called yesterday for tougher controls on puppy "supermarkets".

Bats may wake to tussle with the law

Hundreds of bats are sleeping soundly in Greycliff tunnel this morning undisturbed by the legal wrangle that overhangs their future.



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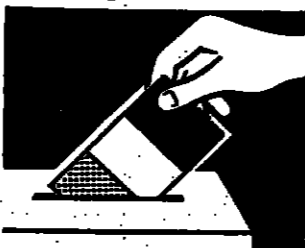
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Moderates let right off hook over Le Pen coalition

The traditional right managed to gain an absolute majority of seats in Sunday's general election, but only by a thin margin...

From Diana Geddes, Paris

ing, and confirms the movement as one of the five major political parties in France. The National Front has now just overtaken the Communist Party in importance in terms of votes, though not in seats.



With 9.7 per cent of the vote, they have fallen to their lowest level for more than 50 years, confirming a decline over the

On their own, the two main opposition parties, the centre-right UDF and the Gaullist RPR, obtained only 277 seats, according to figures released yesterday by the Interior Ministry. This is well short of the 289 seats needed for the absolute majority they say they need to form a government.

However, they can expect to get the support of the 14 deputies elected under diverse moderate-right tickets, and will thereby be able to avoid the agonizing choice of whether to form an alliance with the extreme-right National Front, which the national leadership of the two parties has so far consistently rejected.

The National Front has emerged as the great victor of the elections. With 9.8 per cent of the vote, it enters the National Assembly for the first time in its 14-year life with 33 deputies, enough to form an officially recognized parliamentary group, with all the privileges that entails, including important speaking rights in debates.

Although the Front's score is substantially less than the 15 per cent its leader, M Jean-Marie Le Pen, was predicting, it is significantly more than all the opinion polls were predict-

past five years after consistently obtaining 20 to 25 per cent over the previous two decades. The Communists' departure from government in 1984, after getting their previous lowest score of 11 per cent in the European elections, and their virulent criticism of the Socialist government's policies since then, evidently failed to regain them any support. The pro-Moscow, hardline leadership is now certain to come into question again.

Looking tired and downcast, M Georges Marchais, the general secretary, appeared on television on Sunday night to denounce the "enormous blackmail exerted on Communist voters to convince them

that the only way to prevent a return of the right was to vote Socialist".

There is some truth in what he said. The Socialists made repeated calls to the electorate throughout the campaign not to waste their vote in small departments where, under the new system of proportional representation, the smaller parties had little chance of winning any seat. The vote will help explain the unexpectedly good score of nearly 32 per cent obtained by the Socialists.

Apart from the quite exceptional 37 per cent obtained by the Socialists in 1981 in the midst of the left-wing euphoria which swept the country in the wake of President Mitterrand's election, it is the party's highest score since the foundation of the first Socialist party in 1905. In the 1978 general election, the Socialists obtained only 22.6 per cent.

With 206 seats, the Socialists remain the largest single party in the new 577-seat assembly. A clearly-delighted M Laurent Fabius, the Prime Minister, described the Socialists' score as "altogether remarkable".

The Socialists could be proud of the work they had achieved with President Mitterrand, and remained "more than ever the great movement of hope".

Listening to the comments of the Socialist leaders, it was sometimes difficult to remember that, however well the Socialists had done, they had nevertheless lost the election,



The morning after: M Laurent Fabius taking his sons to school in Paris yesterday.

and that their five years in government had come to an end.

Thanks to the proportional representation system, which virtually guarantees a seat to those well placed on the party lists, there were hardly any casualties among the more important political figures. All save one of the 36 government ministers who were standing for election won seats, as did all the main leaders of the former opposition.

However, M Raymond Barre, the most popular of the leaders on the right, suffered a serious, personal setback, in seeing the list he was leading in the department of the Rhône beaten, contrary to all expectations, by the Socialist list, led by M Charles Hernu, the former Defence Minister who was forced to resign in September over the Greenpeace affair. It is thought that voters did not appreciate M Barre's image of

a divider of the right. Alone among the right-wing leaders, M Barre has consistently refused to accept the idea of a right-wing government "cohabiting" with a left-wing president, maintaining that such a situation would inevitably result in political chaos. However, he has now given an undertaking "to do nothing which would hinder the action" of a new right-wing government. Leading article, page 17

Bargaining begins in the Paris corridors of power

From Our Own Correspondent, Paris

The French were waiting in suspense yesterday for news of what the future holds in store for them. The narrowness of the right-wing victory is widely seen as greatly extending President Mitterrand's scope for manoeuvre, notably in his choice of Prime Minister.

Leaders of the two main opposition parties, the UDF and the RPR, met yesterday morning to discuss the implications of the election results, and immediately put out a joint statement, reiterating their "conditions" for the selection of the new Prime Minister, in an evident attempt to preempt President Mitterrand.

The person chosen must have the confidence of the "new majority", and must be assured in advance that he and his government will be able to carry out "without compromise or concession" the joint programme drawn up by the UDF and RPR.

M Jean Lecanuet, the UDF leader, had earlier made it clear that his party was prepared to accept the RPR's nominee for the post, even though the RPR has relatively only a few more seats than the UDF in the new assembly.

Until now it had been expected that M Jacques Chirac, as the leader of the biggest right-wing party, would be offered the post.

But, although he remains the front-runner in most commentators' minds, the names of more moderate right-wing politicians, such as M Jacques Chaban-Delmas, Mme Simone Veil and even former President Giscard d'Estaing, are once again being mooted.

An opinion poll taken on Sunday, after the main outline of the results had become clear, showed that 61 per cent of the electorate hoped that the new right-wing majority would be able to "cohabit" peacefully with President Mitterrand.

But they were divided on whether that was possible. Many agree with M Raymond Barre that it will lead to political chaos and greatly weaken France's image.

The narrowness of the right-wing firm solidarity within the union of the right. But as M Lionel Jospin, the First Secretary of the Socialist Party, pointed out on Sunday night, that is far from assured in an alliance of two parties with differing views on several subjects and whose three main leaders, all of whom have presidential ambitions, are often in open rivalry.

Several different scenarios are now possible. No one quite knows what is going to happen because such a situation has never arisen before under the Fifth Republic and the constitution has not been tested.

The next presidential elections are not due until 1988, but President Mitterrand could decide to resign before then and possibly call new parliamentary elections.

He might, though, decide to call a referendum on some topic which he knows he is virtually certain to win, such as the reduction of the presidential mandate from seven to five years, using the expected favourable result as a form of plebiscite to strengthen his own position in the country before calling new parliamentary elections.

THE PARTIES

Rassemblement pour la République (RPR). Created by Jacques Chirac in 1976 out of the former Gaullist Union des Démocrates pour la République section of society. The largest, most disciplined, richest and best organized of the political parties, cutting across a broad cross-section of right-wing and populist opinion. President, Jacques Chirac, aged 53. Union pour la Démocratie Française (UDF). Loose federation of centre-right parties formed in 1978. Two main constituents: Centre des Démocrates Sociaux (CDS) and the Parti Républicain (PR). Raymond Barre and former President Giscard d'Estaing are among its members, but the titular leader is Jean Lecanuet, 66. Socialist Party (PS). Origins date back to 1905, but present party formed only in 1971 out of a merger of various small left-wing parties, united behind François Mitterrand, first secretary until 1981. Has shifted over past five years in government to become a centrist social-democratic party. President Mitterrand continues to act as the party's spiritual leader, but Lionel Jospin, aged 48, is the First Secretary. Communist Party (PC). Founded 1920. An attempt two years ago by members with Euro-Communist sympathies to reform and modernize the party after its severe setback in the European elections failed. Pro-Moscow hardliners still hold sway, though they have learnt to moderate their tone over recent years. General Secretary since 1972, Georges Marchais, aged 65. National Front (FN). Extreme-right. Founded in 1972 by Jean-Marie Le Pen, former Foudjadic Deputy in the 1950s. Got less than 2 per cent of the vote in national elections until the economic recession and rise in racism in France in 1983. Won 11 per cent of vote in the 1984 European Parliament elections. President, Jean-Marie Le Pen, aged 57.



Left to right: M Marchais, M Barre and M Le Pen.

Table with 2 columns: General Election June, 1981 and General Election March, 1986. Rows include Turnout, Voters, Percentage of vote, and various political parties (PS, PC, RPR, UDF, Ecologists, etc.) with their respective seat counts and percentages.

Alarm at success of Front

By Our Foreign Staff

West European countries expect friendly ties with the new right-wing Government likely to emerge from the French general elections, but there is widespread alarm at the far-right National Front's success.

Conservative-ruled West Germany expressed confidence that its close ties with France would not be affected by the change from a Socialist to a rightist administration. Spain's Socialist Government also predicted that good relations with France would not suffer.

But the gains by the National Front seat shock waves through Europe and beyond. In the Soviet Union Tass said: "The results achieved by the extreme rightists of the National Front caused great anxiety to democratic public opinion."

British officials also expressed concern privately about the Front's success, and Labour MP, Mr David Winnick, urged the Government to ban Front members from entering Britain.

A Japanese Foreign Ministry source forecast that the far-rightists "would hold a sort of casting vote in the conservative groups". The fact that the French conservatives won only the slimmest of majorities led diplomats and officials in Brussels to predict a period of damaging lethargy in the European Community.

The Belgian newspaper La Libre Belgique said France "is in danger of a period of instability which would quickly recall the most difficult periods of the Fourth Republic".

Austria's Socialist Chancellor, Dr Fred Sinowatz, cabled congratulations to the French Socialist leader, M Lionel Jospin.

Regions echo national vote

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

French people went to the polls on Sunday not only to vote in national elections but also, for the first time, to elect directly 1,840 regional councillors under the 1982 Socialist decentralization law aimed at giving greater powers to the regions.

These regional elections had been postponed more than once over the past three years and the idea of holding them last Sunday meant they were somewhat overshadowed by the legislative elections.

Even though a slightly lower proportion of people took the time to cast their regional votes as well as their national ones, the regions benefited from a higher electoral turnout of 78.5 per cent compared with, for example, a 43.3 per cent turnout recorded at the last European elections in 1984.

It had been hoped the regional election would give a clearer indication of French political sentiment, but the patterns to emerge was similar

to that of the national elections.

The extreme-right National Front, standing for the first time, emerged as an influential force with a national total of 130 seats.

But it appears its success was more due to a division of the right-wing votes than the winning of votes from the left. Still, before Sunday the left held six of the 22 metropolitan regions and now it appears it may retain only two.

The right, on the other hand, has not obtained the clear majority it had anticipated, and in about nine regions will need the help of the National Front to command an overall majority, although it has previously stated it is not interested in forming a coalition with M Jean-Marie Le Pen's party.

M Le Pen was one of the five National Front councillors elected for Paris, out of a total of 42 seats. The Socialists hold 15 seats, with 17 going to

the RPR and five to the UDF right-wing parties.

Comparisons between the new directly-elected regional councils and the previous ones are misleading. However, it would seem that personalities still count in political preferences.

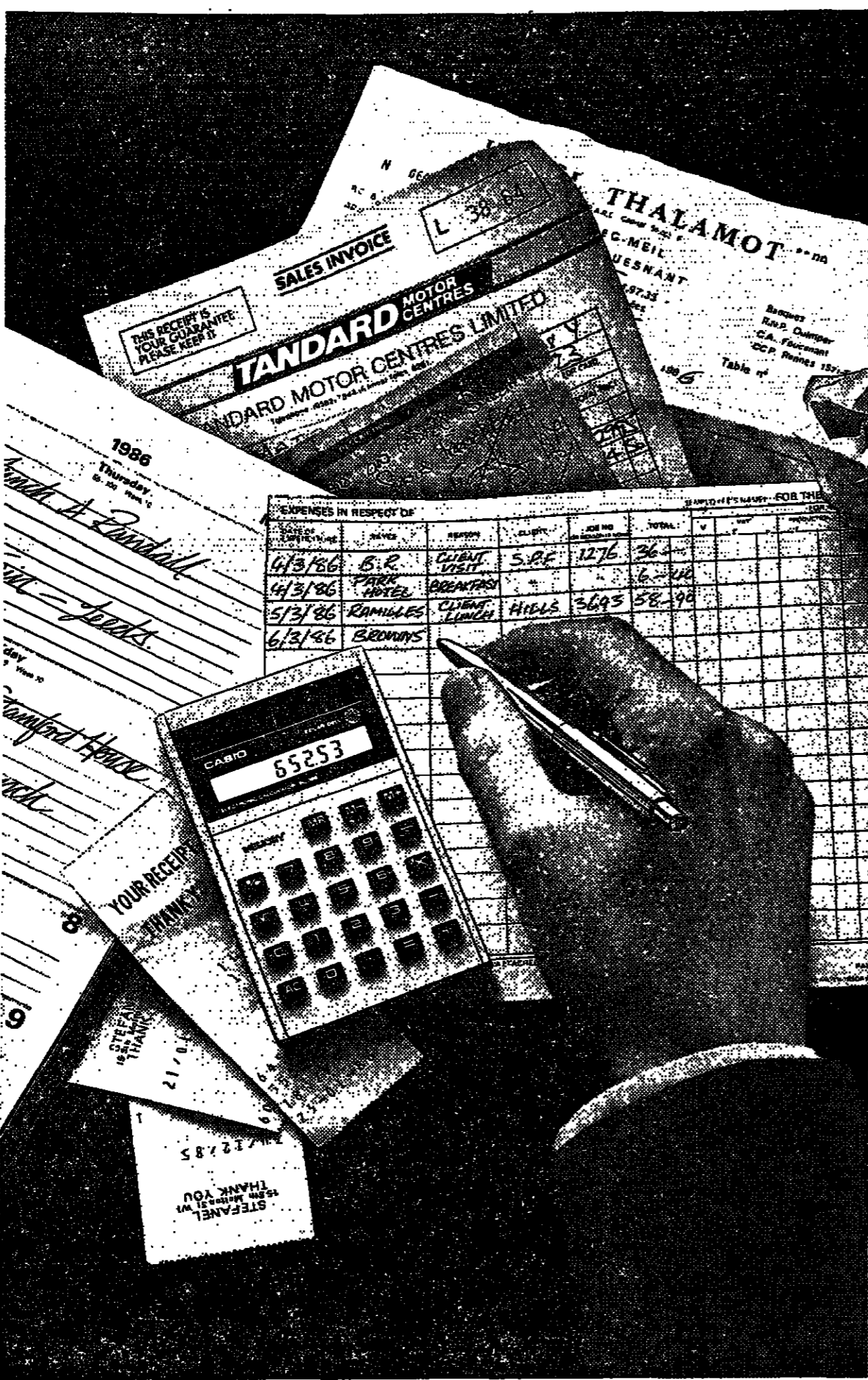
Only in Corsica have direct regional elections taken place since 1982, due to the special status given to the island and justified by its economy, culture and geographical position. But the latest results there threaten to give the same type of "hung" council as the previous 1984 results did, with both the left and right in need of the two independent Corsican parties to obtain an overall majority.

The overall political picture in the regions, both in metropolitan France and in its overseas territories, will not become clear until the end of the week when it is thought regional councils will be formed.

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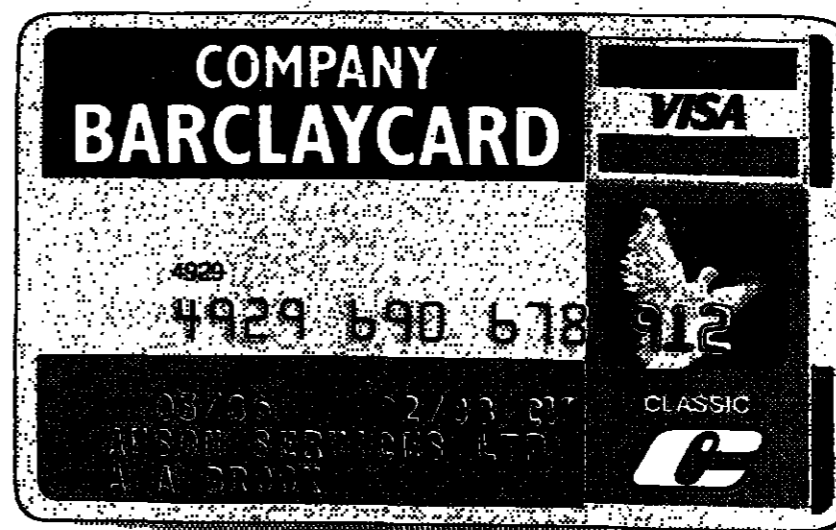
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Howe lashes 'specious' nuclear arms propaganda from Russia

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

In an attempt to counter the Soviet Union's peace offensive, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday warned Western public opinion against being taken in by "a speciously attractive timetable for abolishing nuclear weapons by the end of the century".

In a hard-hitting speech to the Foreign Press Association, the Foreign Secretary firmly rejected Opposition party calls to take up the recent proposals by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, for the elimination of American and Soviet medium-range missiles in Europe on condition that Britain and France freeze their nuclear deterrents at existing levels.

"This Government is ready to seize any opportunity which genuinely gives peace a chance. But giving away Britain's deterrent... would not be giving peace, but war, a better chance."

He also emphasized that there could be no nuclear disarmament unless there were also substantial reductions in conventional, chemical and other weapons.

Noting the Soviet Union's massive conventional superiority over Nato, he said: "Simply making Europe safe for conventional war is no way to preserve our children's future."

Sir Geoffrey's speech, which focused exclusively on defence and deterrent issues, was the first public statement by a minister on arms control poli-

cy since Mrs Thatcher replied to Mr Gorbachov's latest arms offer a week ago.

The Foreign Secretary made it clear that the West was prepared "to meet Mr Gorbachov halfway" if the new style in Moscow really foreshadowed new policies intended to reinforce stability and restore confidence.

But he also made it clear that Britain would not lower its guard in the face of the current Soviet propaganda campaign until Moscow matched words with deeds.

He dismissed Mr Gorbachov's call for a ban on all nuclear tests on the ground that such a ban would be unverifiable, in spite of recent technical advances. He rejected Mr Gorbachov's offer of

some form of on-site inspection, describing it as "the same old brew, merely warmed up to tickle the palates of those who have forgotten how it tasted before".

Sir Geoffrey attacked those in Western Europe who equated American defence policies with those of the Soviet Union. Those who made the mistake of regarding the two superpowers as somehow on an equal moral footing not only endangered the security of the West but also had a position that was logically and morally flawed.

He emphasized that Nato remained the lynchpin of Europe's security and that there was no substitute for the full commitment of American might.



Sobhraj at an extradition hearing two years ago.

Huge Indian hunt for notorious killer

Delhi (Reuter) - India yesterday cast a massive police dragnet across its northern and central states for Charles Sobhraj who walked to freedom past drugged guards on Sunday.

More than 24 hours after the break from the top security Thihar jail by Sobhraj and six other inmates, police in the capital stopped cars, buses and questioned cyclists but found no trace of the escapees.

Sobhraj, aged 42, the subject of two bestsellers, had been charged with several robbery-murders in which the victims were drugged. He was jailed in 1976 and faced extradition to Thailand.

A reward of 25,000 rupees (about £1300), about seven times the annual income of the average Indian, has been offered for information leading to his capture.

The Press Trust of India said police were seeking a man charged with banditry and freed on bail three months ago, who may have master-minded the escape.

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lion rand allocated for education, an increase of 19.3 per cent on 1985-86.

The increase in the outlay for black primary and secondary education, which lags far behind the quality of white education, is 27.8 per cent. A total of 631 million rand is earmarked for improvements in housing in black areas.

Black miners go back to work

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

At least 20 blacks have died in continuing widespread violence symptomatic of the political and social unrest in the country, according to police.

The worst disturbances were at two gold mines on the West Rand, where 15 black miners were killed and at least 166 injured in clashes with police and mine security guards. Mine management said the fighting amounted to a tribal faction clash between black employees.

The two mines, Vaal Reef and Blyvooruitzicht, were said to be operating normally yesterday. At Vaal Reef, eight miners died in fighting between Xhosa and Sotho groups on Saturday night, management said. In violence at Blyvooruitzicht on Friday night, six miners were killed -

four in clashes with police and two apparently at the hands of other miners. A security guard near by was also killed.

Neither union nor management spokesmen believes the violence is work-related. They see it more as a spill-over of turbulence from the townships into the mine compounds, where thousands of workers are concentrated in claustrophobic conditions.

The growth of union power at the mines and the Government's delay in abolishing the statutory reservation of whites holding the most senior jobs at the mines have also fuelled black anger.

Four other blacks died in townships in the Eastern Cape and on the West Rand in clashes with police and black-against-black violence.

Small income tax cuts in South African budget

From Our Own Correspondent Johannesburg

The South African Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, yesterday presented what was widely regarded as a holding budget providing for record expenditure of 37,447 million rand (about £13,140 million) in the financial year.

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Tear gas fired at Sabah Muslims

Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia (Reuter) - Police fired tear gas to disperse more than 2,000 Muslim opposition supporters who marched on the High Court as it dismissed a writ seeking to stop elections in Sabah state.

The court dismissed with costs an injunction filed by an independent state assemblyman, Abdul Ghafar Haji Salleh, to restrain the Election Commission from fixing a date for elections in the mainly Christian-ruled state.

It reserved judgement on another part of the writ challenging last month's dissolution of the assembly by Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan, the Chief Minister, ahead of fresh polls due within 90 days.

The unrest began after elections last April when the newly-formed Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS), with strong support from Kadazans, the largest ethnic community, toppled the multi-racial Berjaya party.

Angered by the PBS's failure to honour a pact to form a coalition, the Muslim opposition United Sabah National Organisation (USNO) secretly had its president, Tun Mustapha Harun, declared Chief Minister. But the PBS protested and the Federal Government refused to recognize him and instead the PBS



leader, Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan, was sworn in.

An angry USNO boycotted state assembly sittings and Tun Mustapha Harun challenged in the courts Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan's right to rule, bringing day-to-day government to a halt.

Defections from PBS to USNO prompted the Chief Minister to call for fresh elections.

The final blow to the PBS came with the High Court writ challenging the Chief Minister's dissolution of the assembly.

Over the four days of the sittings, 13 bombs exploded in Kota Kinabalu, injuring four people and causing panic. Two women died in arson attacks, police said.

Sabah is the only one of Malaysia's 13 states not controlled by Muslim or Malay parties.

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Damascus report of 100 hurt by bomb

From Robert Fisk Beirut

A large bomb explosion wounded up to 100 people outside a building housing Soviet personnel in Damascus, according to growing reports yesterday in Beirut.

Syria's official silence on the matter - which has greeted all independent inquiries about the reports - suggests that a blast of some kind did indeed take place in the Syrian capital, apparently in the Abbasiya Square district of the city.

The Christian Phalangist "Voice of Lebanon" radio station first broadcast news of a bomb on Saturday.

Although the radio is both partisan and often inaccurate, it was quite specific about details of the explosion, claiming that it occurred on Thursday evening only a few yards from a series of offices housing "Soviet military advisers".

Moscow maintains approximately 2,500 military personnel in Syria, many of them operating the Sam 5 anti-aircraft missile sites outside Damascus and Homs.

It was unclear whether any Russians were among the casualties of the bomb, all news of which appears to have been suppressed by the Syrian Government. Neither state radio and television, nor the party-controlled newspapers, have made any mention of an explosion.

If the reports are proved to be correct, however, suspicion is bound to fall upon the Christian Phalangists in Lebanon, whose refusal to abide by Syria's peace proposals in Beirut have deeply angered President Assad of Syria.

Yet another peace plan - this time confined only to west Beirut - is supposed to be implemented this week in the hope that the growing enmity between Muslim militias can be controlled before open warfare resumes on the streets.

Mr Rashid Karami, the Lebanese Prime Minister, who is effectively Syria's spokesman within the ineffectual Lebanese Cabinet, abandoned his familiar optimism yesterday in a statement which accused militiamen of risking the destruction of Lebanon.

Lawlessness and insecurity, he said, was an "octopus that is holding the country in its tentacles".

Swedish Air Force downs own plane

Stockholm - The Swedish Air Force yesterday faced a top-level row after shooting down one of its own aircraft (Christopher Mosey writes).

Pilot Bert-Ake Lindvall, aged 40, and Engineer Kjell Thulin, aged 22, were killed when a unit practising anti-aircraft fire hit their plane instead of the target it was towing a kilometre behind.

Job for top Israeli spy

Jerusalem - A job has been found as chairman of Israeli Chemicals for Mr Rafi Eitan, once head of the secret unit inside the Prime Minister's office closed down for organizing spying on the United States (Ian Murray writes).

Mr Eitan, who as a Mossad agent masterminded the capture of Adolf Eichmann, was a close ally in the Herut party of Mr Ariel Sharon, Trade and Industry Minister.

Train blast

Paris (Reuter) - Nine people were slightly injured by an explosion which caused a small fire on a Paris-Lyon TGV express train outside Paris. Officials did not know the cause.

Cutback recall

Lusaka (AP) - Thirty-four Zambian diplomats have been recalled from abroad, and several more face the same fate, in a government bid to cut costs.

Hitching ban

Tel Aviv (Reuter) - The Israeli Army will court-martial any woman soldier found hitch-hiking at night after a West German woman was shot and left for dead on a desert road.

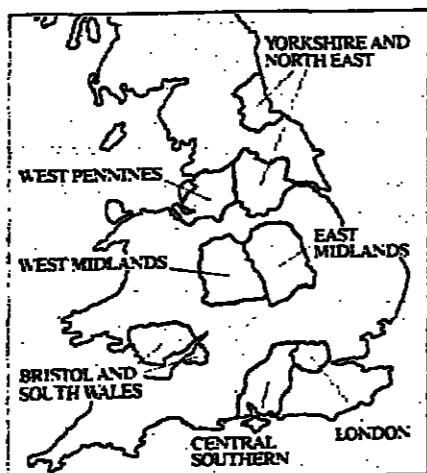
Cyclone trail

Antananarivo (Reuter) - A cyclone ripped across Madagascar at 75 mph, killing one person, leaving at least 3,000 homeless, and destroying hundreds of acres of rice.

Sailor beware

Islamabad (Reuter) - Sailors from six US warships visiting testotal Pakistan may drink on reserved beaches but have been warned they could be stoned to death or flogged for chasing prostitutes.

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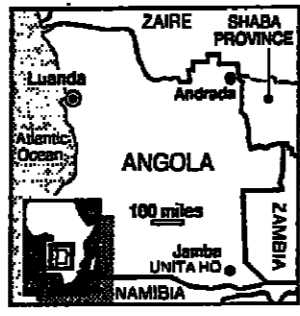
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Unita frees over 170 foreigners seized in diamond mine town

Lisbon (Reuters) — Some 176 foreigners captured by Angolan Unita rebels on March 1 have been freed and are safe in Zaire's south province of Shaba, Portugal's Ambassador in Kinshasa said. Senhor Alvaro Guerra, quoted by the Noticias de Portugal news agency, said they were in the hands of the International Committee of the Red Cross in a rugged, isolated area 900 miles from the Zairean capital. Food, clothing and medicine were being sent to them.

Unita said earlier in Lisbon that it had been in contact with the Red Cross to secure the earliest possible release of the captives, who were seized at the diamond-mining town of Andrada in Angola's north-east Lunda province.

Senhor Guerra was quoted as saying the foreigners, who include some 100 Filipinos, 70 Portuguese, four Britons, two West Germans, a Canadian and a Romanian, would be flown to Kinshasa when they managed to reach a town with an airstrip.



The group, which includes women and children, had initially faced a trek to freedom of more than 800 miles.

Unita, which has fought a guerrilla war against Angola's Marxist Government since independence from Portugal in 1975, had originally said the captives would be marched to its base in Jamba, south-east Angola, where they would be released.

The spokesman said Unita had taken into consideration the humanitarian aspect of the march facing the foreigners, such as the heavy rains falling in the region. "We did not want a situation created which

could be used against Unita," he said. The march would have lasted two months.

The high-ranking Unita official, who asked not to be named, said all the foreigners were in good health.

Unita said in a statement yesterday that it had foiled a recent attempt by Angolan government forces to rescue the captives. The column of foreigners and their escorts avoided the ambush planned at Chikapa, south of Andrada.

The release of the prisoners is the first case of Unita freeing foreign workers seized in Angola without first marching them to its base at Jamba. More than 100 Filipinos, Portuguese and Britons captured in Lunda in 1984 were marched to Jamba.

The rebel group, which claims to control large areas of south-eastern Angola and to be active in much of the rest of the country, has frequently warned foreigners working in Angola that they risk their lives in the war being fought there.

America in sea of emerald green

From Michael Binyon Washington

With pipes, parades and a sea of green, America celebrated St Patrick's Day yesterday, honouring the country's most famous Irish American and inviting to the White House the Prime Minister of the Emerald Isle to which more than 40 million people trace their ancestry.

President Reagan held the first talks with Dr Garret FitzGerald since the passage through the House of Representatives last week of the Irish Aid Bill, which provides for \$250 million over five years for reconstruction and development in Northern Ireland. He was given the traditional shamrock and a Waterford crystal Statue of Liberty.

The overwhelming support in the House for the aid Bill was largely engineered by Mr Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, the Speaker, one of America's most distinguished Irishmen.

Last night President Reagan, who himself claims allegiance to the shamrock, attended a farewell \$1,000-a-plate dinner for Mr O'Neill, who is retiring from this year after 50 years in elected politics.

The money raised, expected to total more than \$2 million, is to fund a scholarship at Boston College, Mr O'Neill's old university.

Mr Fitzgerald, who was a guest of honour, had himself



Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, right, and the Irish Prime Minister, Dr Garret FitzGerald, watch Washington's St Patrick's Day parade.

been feted at a dinner on Sunday with other Irish Americans, including Mrs Margaret Heckler, the current US Ambassador in Dublin.

Washington held its St Patrick's Day parade, witnessed by about 10,000 people, on Sunday. The biggest parade was in New York yesterday.

Paying tribute to the Irish treaty that prompted the US

US aid for the Contras Reagan intensifies lobbying after fiery TV appeal

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

President Reagan yesterday continued his intensive lobbying to secure \$100 million (£66.6 million) in aid for the Nicaraguan rebels, after an emotional television appeal to the nation to halt the Nicaraguan "cancer" that directly threatened US security.

On the eve of the crucial congressional aid debate tomorrow, the President telephoned Republicans and Democrats opposed to military help for the Contras. He also received Mr Philip Habib, his special envoy for Central America, for a report on his talks last week with regional leaders.

In his speech he called on Americans to put pressure on Congress to pass the package which he said was essential if the US was to avoid a Soviet beachhead on its doorstep, increased terrorism in the region, and a tide of "desperate Latin people by the millions" fleeing to the US.

But Senator Jim Sasser, a leading Democratic opponent of aid to the Contras, said the President was reaching for the military option before negotiations had a chance.

While the Democrats did not quarrel with the Administration's condemnation of the Sandinistas and Managua's goal of spreading communism, they opposed Mr Reagan's means to achieve his policies.

Speaking on television immediately after the President, Mr Sasser said the Sandinista forces were not as brutal as the rebels, whose atrocities were being financed by the US. He wanted, he said, to freeze military aid while a further effort was made to get the Sandinistas to negotiate.

Mr Reagan now needs only about 10 votes in the House of

Representatives on Thursday to win.

In his television address, Mr Reagan said Congress now faced one simple question: would the US give the Nicaraguan democratic resistance the means to recapture its "betrayed revolution" or would it turn its back and ignore the malignancy in Managua until it had become a mortal threat to the entire New World.

He said the Sandinista Government had revoked civil rights in Nicaragua, assaulted religious groups, tortured priests, and transformed their nation into a "command post for international terrorism" which was also involved in drug trafficking.

"There seems to be no crime to which the Sandinistas will not stoop... this is an outlaw regime," the President said.

He insisted that he still wanted a negotiated peace. But he said the US had tried some 10 times without success to promote talks.

The Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact had grasped the strategic importance of Nicaragua: it was time the US made its decision to prevent an outcome "deeply injurious" to US security. "If we fail, there will be no evading responsibility. History will hold us accountable."

Mr Reagan appealed for bipartisan support to launch a new "Truman doctrine" to save freedom in Nicaragua.

"Could there be any greater tragedy than for us to sit back and permit this cancer to spread?" he asked.

The President hoped that at the end of his term he would have left America safe, "still a beacon of hope to mankind".

Detained Lesotho brigadier dies

Maseru (Reuters) — Lesotho's ruling Military Council has announced that the former Deputy Commander of the Paramilitary Force, Brigadier B.M. Ramotsekhoane, died in detention.

It was the second death in detention to be announced this month of officers opposed

to January's military coup which brought Major-General Justin Lekhanya, the Commander of the Paramilitary Force, to power.

A statement broadcast by the state radio at the weekend said Brigadier Ramotsekhoane was detained for questioning on March 8 and taken to police headquar-

ters. Soon after his arrival, he showed "signs of illness" and was taken to hospital, where he died. A post-mortem examination has been ordered by the Police Commissioner.

On March 6 Colonel Sehlabo Sehlabo, who led a brief mutiny in opposition to the January 20 coup, died of a heart attack, also in detention.

Kremlin steps up war of words

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The renewed propaganda battle between the superpowers was stepped up yesterday when Tass launched a biting attack on President Reagan for his appeal on behalf of the Nicaraguan rebels, and Pravda accused the US of "playing with fire" in the southern Mediterranean.

The latest broadsides, following recent sharp disagreements on arms control and the timing of this year's summit, were seen by Western observers as signifying at least a temporary end to the "spirit of Geneva" which had managed for a brief period to halt the war of words between Moscow and Washington.

Tass described Mr Reagan's appeal to Congress for \$100 million (£66 million) in aid for the Contra rebels in Central America as "reminiscent of the script of the controversial anti-communist film Red Dawn", which is described as a "cheap movie" depicting the invasion of the US by Nicaraguan, Cuban and Soviet troops.

Red Dawn and other US box-office successes, such as Rambo and Rocky IV, have been condemned by Soviet officials as outstanding examples of Washington's failure to respond to "the spirit of Geneva" and failure to cease praying Russians in crude, exaggerated stereotypes.

The recent spate of anti-American attacks in the Soviet media represents a significant change from the immediate post-Geneva period when, on the US were cut back sharply.

The recent return to wide-scale media hostilities is seen by European diplomats as reflecting both the superpower brinkmanship being played over the holding of the summit and the strong anti-American feeling which emerged as a key ideological theme at the 27th Communist Party congress.

Pravda spoke harshly yesterday of "militarist preparations" by the US Navy near the Libyan coast as Washington geared up for its third set of manoeuvres within three months.

The dangerous character of Washington's anti-Libyan policy has been admitted indirectly even by the USA's closest allies.

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Cash crisis hits Uganda coffee board

Kampala (Reuters) — Uganda's state-run Coffee Marketing Board is facing a cash crisis and banks are refusing to honour its cheques, board officials said yesterday.

Ugandan coffee, which the board buys from growers and sells to exporters, accounts for more than 90 per cent of the country's foreign exchange earnings.

The cash shortage was brought about by the civil war which coincided with the coffee season and stopped supplies at the end of last year from getting to Kampala and on to the export markets.

The board is now negotiating overdrafts with local banks and with foreign buyers for prepayment to end the crisis.

Strikes halt Spanish transport

Madrid — Industrial action by Iberia Airlines ground crews and railway employees affected more than 500,000 travellers and commuters yesterday. Labour leaders said there will be more stoppages in the next 15 days unless the workers get higher wages and other concessions (Harry Debutius writes).

Railway staff halted all trains between 8am and 10am and between 8pm and 10pm. They object to the recent dismissal of 11 workers and say they will halt trains again on March 21, 24 and 26 and on April 1.

Iberia cancelled at least 60 flights yesterday. Ground crews will repeat their strike on March 24, 25, 26 and 31.

Curfews in Punjab as clashes follow strike

Delhi (Reuters) — An indefinite curfew was imposed on another Punjab town after a second day of sectarian clashes yesterday during a militant Hindu strike in protest against Sikh extremist attacks in the state.

The curfew was imposed in the industrial town of Jullundur where the militant Hindu Shiv Sena group staged its protest, a senior police official said from Chandigarh, the state capital. He gave no details of casualties in yesterday's clashes but said there were no deaths.

Clashes on Sunday night led to a curfew being imposed on Bataia, 25 miles north of Jullundur, where five people died and 16 were injured in street battles between Sikhs and Hindus.

It was not clear whether the victims died in the clashes or in police gunfire.

The Bataia violence was among the worst in Punjab since the state's Chief Minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, and his moderate Sikh Akali Dal party took power last September.

Shiv Sena, enraged by what they say is Mr Barnala's failure to protect the state's Hindu minority from Sikh extremist attacks, called the Jullundur strike when one of the group's leaders died after being wounded in an attack on Thursday.

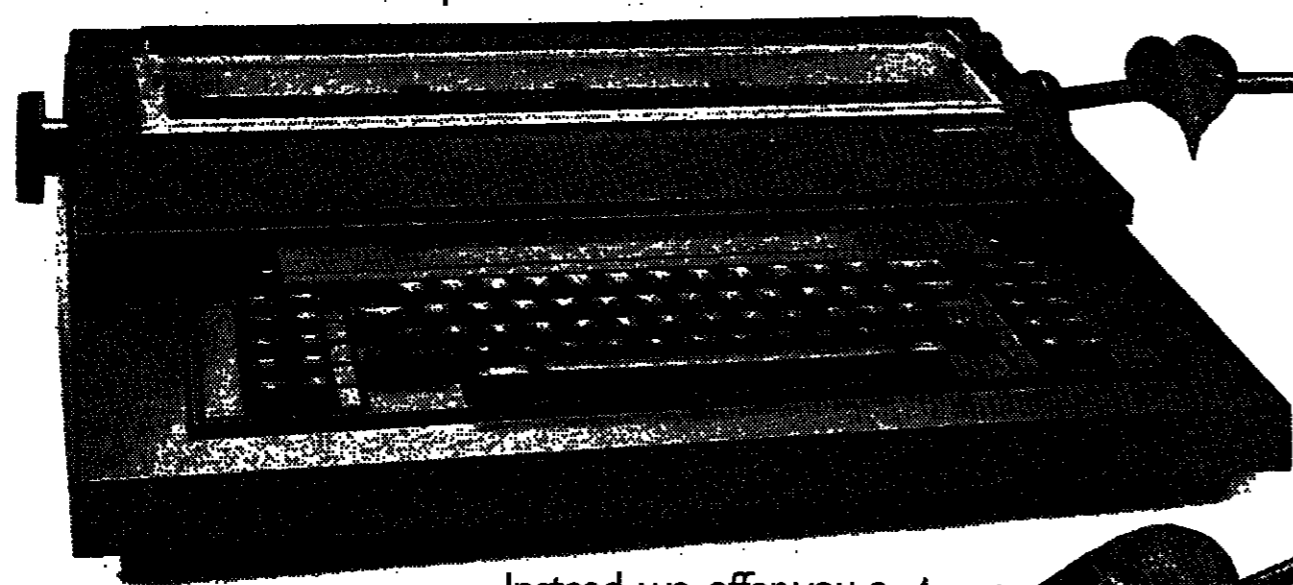
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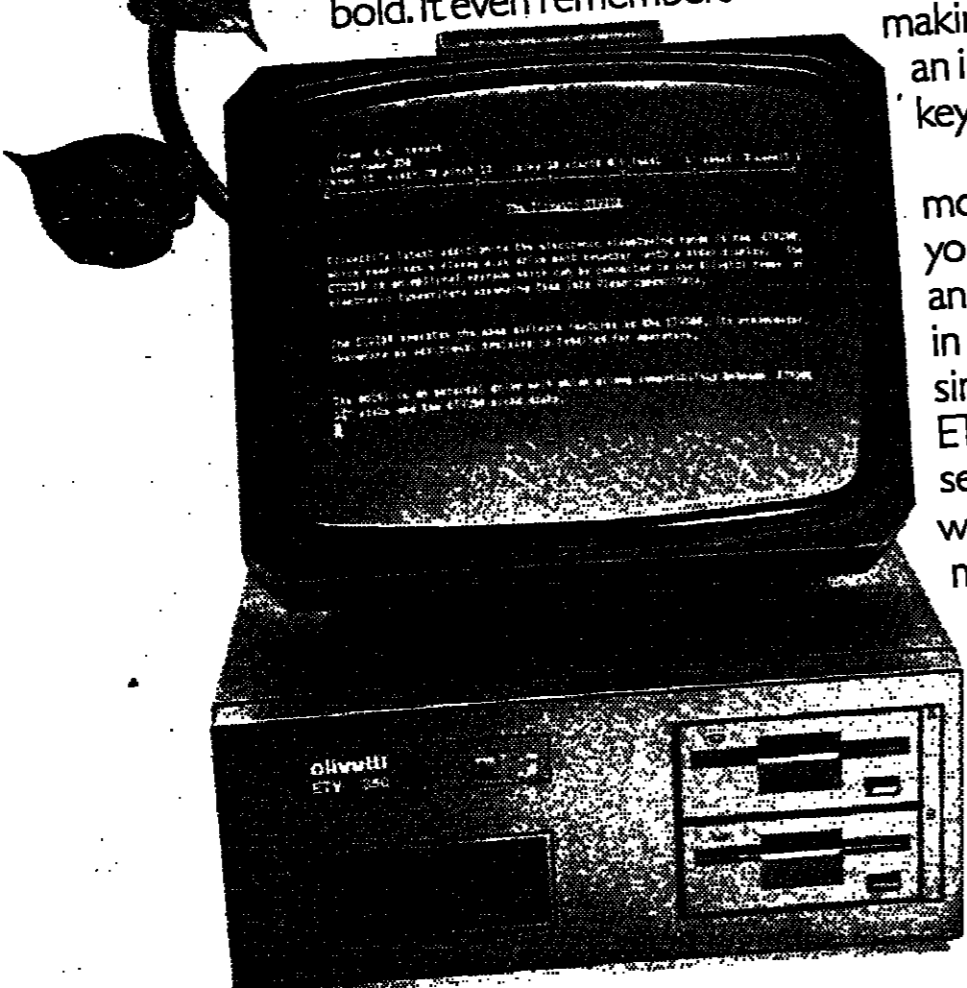
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Baton-wielding police scatter hundreds in Budapest youth march

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Hungarian police baton-charged hundreds of young Hungarians marching to celebrate the anniversary of the beginning of the 1848 war of independence in Budapest, dissident sources and Austrian radio reported yesterday.

The violence was reported to have occurred on Sunday night when a group of 700 young Hungarians broke away from about 15,000 people who had gathered to celebrate one of the most festive events in the Hungarian calendar.

The 700 were intercepted by police as they marched towards the Elizabeth Bridge near the statue of the celebrated revolutionary poet, Sandor

Petőfi, which is the traditional focus of the 1848 anniversary celebrations.

As police tried to confiscate samizdat literature and check identity passes, scuffles broke out.

According to Austrian radio, dozens were arrested as police resorted to batons to restore order.

The violence is the worst outbreak of public disorder in Hungary for many years.

The 1848 anniversary celebrations traditionally have the atmosphere of a village fête with stalls selling Hungarian tricolour flags and badges.

They are, however, invariably heavily policed and dip-

lomats at the weekend reported bustle of policemen patrolling the area around the Elizabeth Bridge.

The Hungarian Government officially distances itself from the celebrations, which have been seen in the past by Hungary's Warsaw Pact neighbours as striking a chauvinist, revanchist note.

The combination of nostalgia, extensive supplies of alcohol, and the frustration many young Hungarians feel about their country's rising cost of living, could easily have led to a demonstration which the authorities would have felt compelled to break up.

Singapore hotel disaster: the search goes on

Rescued bank staff cheered

Singapore (Reuter) — Rescue workers clapped and cheered yesterday as another survivor walked from a collapsed Singapore hotel where he had been trapped for two days.

He and four others saved yesterday brought the number of survivors to 16, but police think about 40 people are buried in the rubble of the New World Hotel and know that some are still alive. Ten people are known to have died.

Spurred by the sound of voices, foreign and Singaporean mining engineers burrowed rescue tunnels into tons of rubble reeking with petrol fumes from damaged cars in the hotel basement.

Early yesterday afternoon they freed two Chinese bank officials. One managed to limp to waiting doctors, clapped and cheered by the hundreds of rescue workers.

The bank was on the ground floor of the hotel, but was pushed below ground by the force of the collapse. Rescuers said they passed some bodies as they forced their way lower down towards the basement where three people awaited rescue.

Rescue workers plan to cut a hole in the wall to insert a camera to assess their condition and how to approach them.

"We are working under the dangerous possibility that the whole thing could collapse," an army doctor, Lim Meng Kin, said.

Engineers are worried that rain on the site could cause large concrete slabs to settle and threaten the tunnels below.



Ms Helen Tan Guek Neo, aged 26, who was rescued from the debris of the collapsed New World Hotel, is comforted in hospital by President Wee Kim Wee of Singapore.

Reform alliance founded in Seoul

From David Watts Tokyo

Christian, opposition and dissident movements in South Korea have formed an umbrella organization to press for greater democracy.

The new alliance against the Government of President Chun Doo Hwan was inaugurated at a three-hour lunch meeting in Seoul yesterday, the first time Korean oppositionists have formed a single alliance since President Chun came to power six years ago.

The new body, called the National Liaison Organization for Democratization, incorporates leading dissidents and politicians, such as Mr Kim Young Sam and Mr Kim Dae Jung, and five important religious and political groups, including the opposition New Korea Democratic Party which has 90 of the 276 seats in the National Assembly.

The other organizations are the Council for the Promotion of Democracy, which is chaired jointly by the two Kims, the United Minjung (People) Movement for Democracy and Unification, headed by the Rev Moon Il Hwan, the civil rights activist; the National Council of Churches (NCC) in Korea; and the Korean Catholic Council for Justice and Peace. Minjung comprises 19 civil rights movements.

The Government did not try to disrupt or prevent the gathering taking place in accordance with the softer line adopted since the peaceful overthrow of the Marcos Government in the Philippines.

The church participation comes after a recent sermon by the head of the Catholic Church in Korea, Cardinal Stephen Kim, in which he urged reform.

According to organizers of the signature campaign for direct presidential elections in South Korea, about 150 Catholic priests have already signed, as have more than 1,000 supporters of the NCC.

10 Czechs jump ship on Danube

Munich (Reuter, AP) — Ten Czechoslovak tourists on a River Danube cruise to West Germany, have failed to return to their ship after a visit to Munich.

According to West German border police, three of the group have applied for political asylum in West Germany. They said there was no immediate information on the whereabouts of the other seven.

The 10 were among 185 tourists who sailed up the Danube on the Soviet cruise ship Danube last Thursday from Czechoslovakia to Passau in Bavaria.

Fourteen Czechoslovak tourists went missing from a similar cruise two weeks ago and six have sought asylum, police said.

Russians develop new spacecraft

Moscow (Reuter) — Soviet scientists have developed a new generation of spacecraft to take cosmonauts to orbiting stations, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda said yesterday.

The Soyuz T15 that took Commander Leonid Kizim and Engineer Vladimir Solov'yov to the Mir space station will be the last of the current series, it said in a report from the Baikonur space centre.

Because of the ship's limited technical capacity, last Saturday's docking operation had to be carried out manually by the mission's leader, Commander Kizim.

The fact is that Soyuz T15 is the last 'Salyut-type' ship," Pravda said. "Mir needs its own generation of transporters."

The Soyuz T series began with an unmanned flight in December, 1979, and took over the entire burden of putting cosmonauts in space after Soyuz 40, the last of the original generation, in 1981.

Pravda gave no details about the new spacecraft, in keeping with the secrecy that surrounds most of the Soviet space programme.

PARIS: Preparations for Wednesday's launch of a European Ariane-3 rocket with two telecommunications satellites on board continued on schedule yesterday with all systems reported normal, an Ariane spokesman said (Reuter reports).

The flight comes less than two months after the US shuttle disaster which indefinitely grounded the shuttle programme, leaving Ariane as the only commercial satellite launcher in operation.

British hero scours debris

Singapore (Reuter) — A British mining engineer burrowing through the debris of a Singapore hotel in search of survivors has already been awarded a medal for saving life underground.

Mr David Butler, aged 39, of Newcastle upon Tyne, said that he had been awarded the British Empire Medal in 1969 after rescuing two workmen trapped in a tunnel in London after a gas explosion.

Mr Butler, now a pit boss for a Japanese firm digging an underground railway here, spent much of yesterday tunnelling under piles of rubble looking for survivors trapped by the collapse on Saturday of the New World Hotel.

"I'm just digging with my bare hands and scraping through the debris," said Mr Butler, his overalls and face caked in mud.

"But I don't really feel the danger. You tend to think of the people we are trying to rescue and not of yourself," he said. "I'll be here until the whole operation is finished."

Compared with the London rescue, the Singapore operation is difficult because there is so much rubble locked into chunks of sharp reinforced concrete. The air is tainted with petrol fumes from crushed vehicles.

Mr Butler and other engineers, foreign and Singaporean, have to remove debris blocking their advance without disturbing the rubble below them. Then they shove up the tunnel with wood before going even deeper.

"I'm on my hands and knees all the time but I'm used to it and I did volunteer," said Mr Butler. "I've been doing this kind of work for quite a long time."

Mr Butler said he had heard voices underground but had not yet found anyone alive. "I've seen three bodies so far. I saw a man over a motorcycle with his whole body squashed, another body pinned between walls and one inside a car."

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Rebel attack shatters Philippines ceasefire

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Communist rebels ambushed a Jeep in the central Philippines, killing 12 civilians and wounding three others and shattering a three-day military-imposed ceasefire on the troubled island of Negros, military officials said yesterday.

Firing from foxholes on the side of a mountain road 12 miles north of the port city of Dumaguete, about 30 guerrillas of the New People's Army sprayed heavy automatic fire at people in the Jeep who were returning from a meeting in Silab town, the state-run Philippine News Agency said.

The 12 victims were all "finished off" with a bullet in the head and some were hacked with long knives, it said.

The agency also reported that seven soldiers and the wife of an army private were killed in a raid on Friday by 100 communist rebels on a rice warehouse in the northern province of Cagayan. Two soldiers and three militiamen were wounded.

Details of the Negros attack, which happened on Thursday, were relayed to military headquarters in Manila only late yesterday. The rebels came three days after local military officials announced a ceasefire after talks with civic and religious leaders.

With a 25 per cent jump in rebel recruits last year, the island of Negros has the fastest growing insurgency movement in any of the archipelago's trouble spots.

Kremlin's economic guidelines Gorbachov backed on pay for performance

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

As argument continues within the top ranks of the Soviet Communist Party about the extent to which the country should embark on economic reform, its official paper, Pravda, has published an important ideological article designed to support changes already outlined by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov.

Entitled "The Creative Development of Marxist-Leninist Theory", the article declares that in present conditions Marxist economics is not a dogma and that a worker's annual income should depend directly on the amount and quality of his work.

The article, regarded here as particularly authoritative because it is unsigned, also claims that the Soviet Union has begun "a radical reconstruction of the economy" which requires that enterprises be truly self-financing and that individual workers be paid according to their contribution to their plants.

Referring to the watershed 27th party congress which ended last week, Pravda argues that it had demonstrated that "Communists view the economic thinking of Marx, Engels and Lenin not as a dogma, but as a guide for action".

Senior Western diplomats describe the article as important and designed to provide ideological backing for Mr Gorbachov's plans. These include ambitious schemes to expand the self-financing of Soviet enterprises and to relate workers' pay packets strictly to the quality and marketability of output, in an effort to cut back massive over-production of shoddy goods.

The extent of the problem was highlighted by Pravda earlier last week in a letter from a reader in Vinnitsa in Ukraine, who said that 11,000 defective mirrors had been smashed by workers at one factory rather than allow them to be sold off at a cut price.

The nine-day congress was dominated by speeches from Mr Gorbachov and his new Prime Minister, Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, outlining plans for more autonomy and self-financing, but at the same time stipulating that this must happen within the framework of a centralized planning system.

The Soviet press has subsequently attacked Western commentators for their criticism of this determination to stick rigidly to a type of economic planning that most experts in the West regard as the main obstacle to faster Soviet economic growth.

The article, which occupied nearly half of one of the six pages of Pravda on Friday, appeared designed to free the ruling party for future economic decisions not linked strictly to past dogmas.

"Marxist-Leninist theory is not a set of hard and fast rules which are valid everywhere and in all circumstances," it declares.

The paper also emphasizes that the party, which it says now has 19 million members, must ensure that its functions do not overlap with those of state institutions. This is seen by Kremlin-watchers as backing Mr Gorbachov's drive to streamline administration and free the party to be the source of new economic thinking.

During the Congress, several senior officials made references to East Germany, Bulgaria and Hungary as three East European socialist states which could provide models for reform of the Soviet Union's industrial and agricultural sectors, which have performed badly.

Pravda says the party opposes mixing its functions with those of state bodies because it "exercises political guidance over society and defines the general perspective of its development" rather than playing a purely administrative role.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE Romania: Radu Filipescu

By Caroline Moorehead

When police arrested Radu Filipescu in May, 1983, he was distributing leaflets to houses round Bucharest calling on people to gather in Palace Square to demand the replacement of Mr Nicolae Ceausescu as President of Romania.

Mr Filipescu, then aged 28, worked for the state-owned Filiera Electronica Complex. A search of his home revealed printing equipment and more than 2,000 more leaflets.

He is now serving a 10-year sentence and is currently believed to be held in Aiud prison, in Alba, known as one of the harshest jails in Romania. At his military trial in Bucharest in September, 1983, he was found guilty under Article 166 (2) of the criminal code of producing propaganda "from which danger to the security of the state may result".

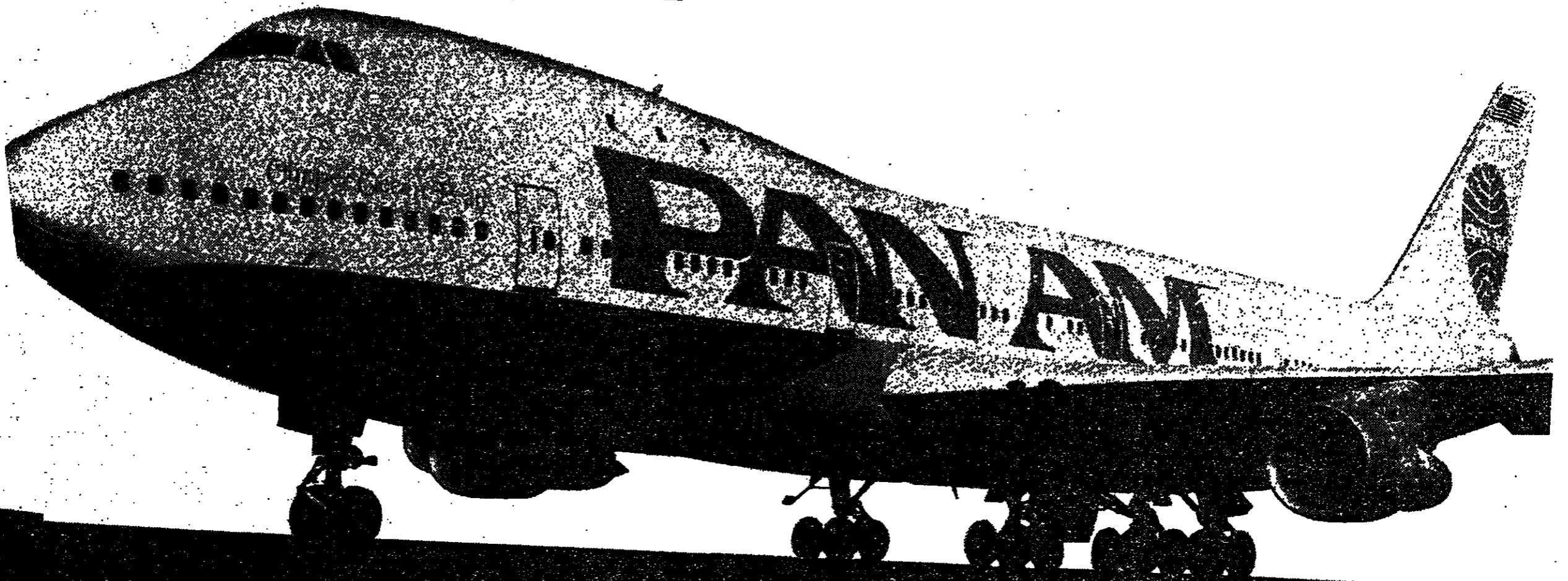
Romanian organizations in exile have repeatedly taken up Filipescu's case. They argue that the leaflets he printed never advocated violence, that he was only exercising his right to freedom of expression, and that his sentence is a violation of the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights, ratified by Romania in 1974.

Mr Filipescu: sentenced to 10 years in prison.

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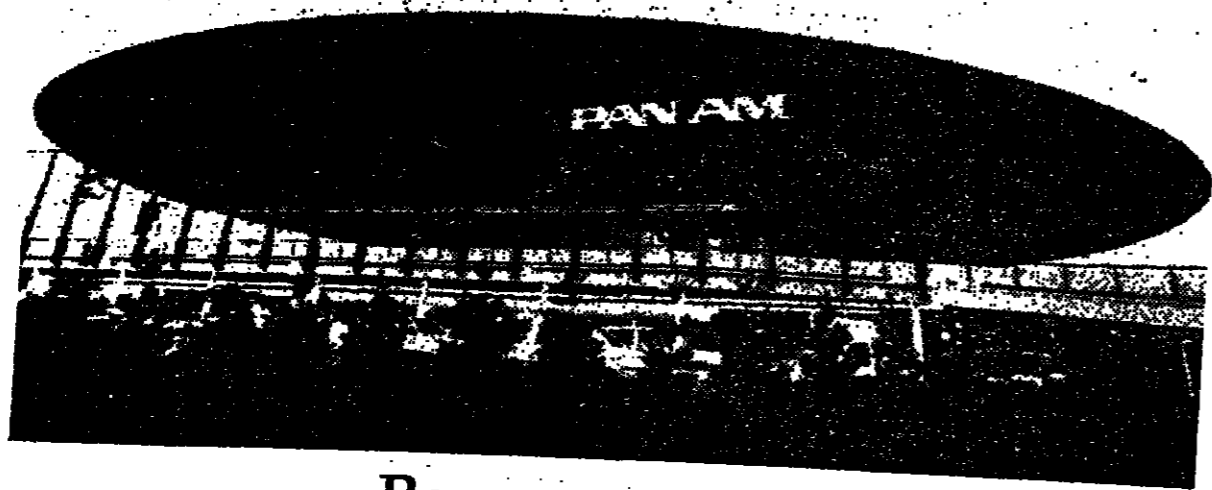
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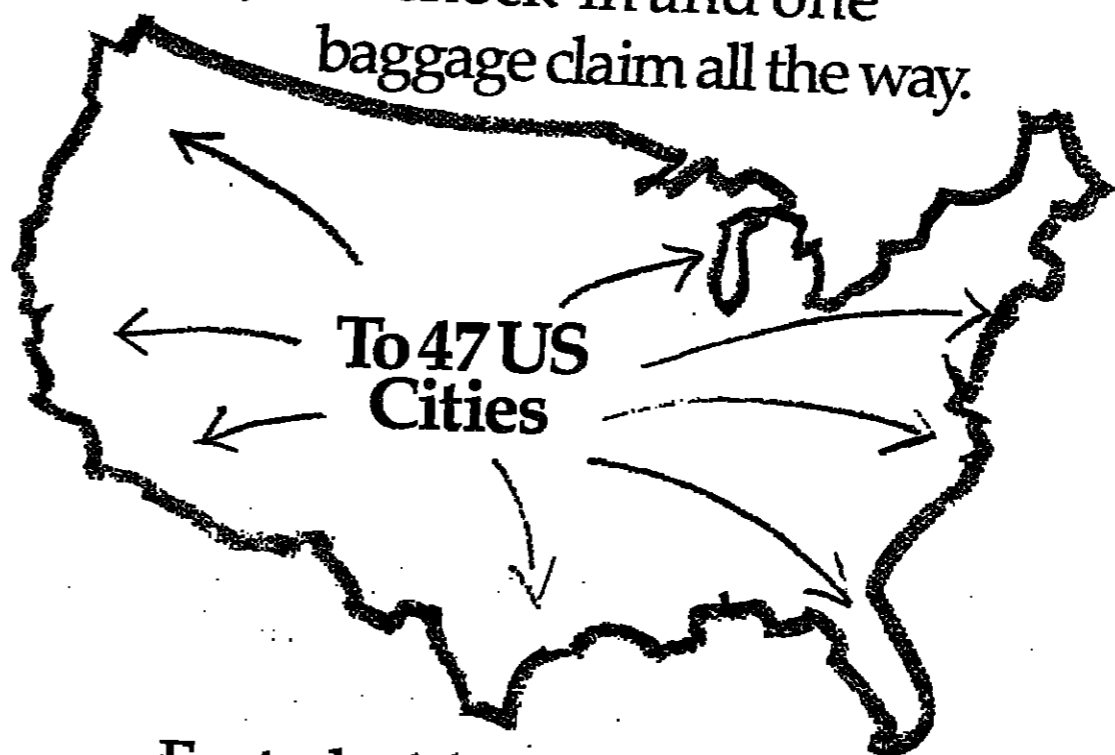


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The Chancellor's words this afternoon affect everyone's lives. Sarah Hogg explains

How to follow the Budget speech

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Employers Budget: 5% £38-£60, 7% £80-£90, 9% £95-£140, 10.45% Over £140
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The Chancellor's Budget predictions will give the first hint of how he reckons falling oil prices have altered our economic prospects. But the Treasury's last published forecast was already quite optimistic about growth and inflation this year - so listen for hints from the Chancellor of whether the Treasury is looking for better things in 1987.

The "tax on jobs" - officially known as national insurance - has been a favourite target for Mrs Thatcher's Chancellors. Last year, Mr Lawson cut the starting rate to help the low-paid and their employers, but the new scales still leave a collection of awkward thresholds close to the bottom of the earnings scale.

The threshold for VAT registration needs to be raised every year. Small businesses have been demanding a much bigger increase than the "neutral" figure shown in the table.

Mrs Thatcher's new theme: watch out for changes scattered through the Budget to give personal share ownership a boost. A major overhaul of the business expansion scheme, which gives income tax relief on up to £40,000 invested in qualifying companies, is promised.

Excise duties loom large in Budget headlines. Unlike VAT, whose yield automatically rises with prices, the yield from fixed-rate duties falls in real terms if they are not raised in each Budget.

This is where the big money goes. Higher income tax thresholds are required by law, to make up for the effects of inflation on personal allowances. The table shows the figures for single and married allowances that would just do the job.

The main personal tax allowances and reliefs are likely to emerge unscathed, but listen for adjustments and additions. The Chancellor does not always increase the age allowances as much as the basic single and married ones.

Shifts in perspective

To Liam Affley, a headmaster by profession, the first day off after a night shift came like a bright beam of light after the darkness. "Without experiencing it, somebody from my background couldn't conceive of how it feels, to work in the dead of the night in the middle of winter, in those few hours before you can go home and to bed. I even became confused about what day of the week it was."

Headmasters are learning some hard lessons on the shop floor in a CBI scheme designed to bring education and industry closer together



Man with a mission: Liam Affley at work

local authority, Dyfed, chose to work at Trostre, a short stroll from his school, St John Lloyd Comprehensive, because it encapsulated the whole range of business. It takes in the raw product, steel, from other BFC plants; it processes the steel, reducing it from 2mm thick to 0.2mm and sells it, mainly for canning, at home and abroad.

that they themselves don't want to talk about it after a hard day. I'll be able to tell them getting up early is no joke." BSC may also benefit from his outsider's observations on how certain jobs are done. He is researching and helping to compile the commentary for an interactive video which BSC will use as a training aid.



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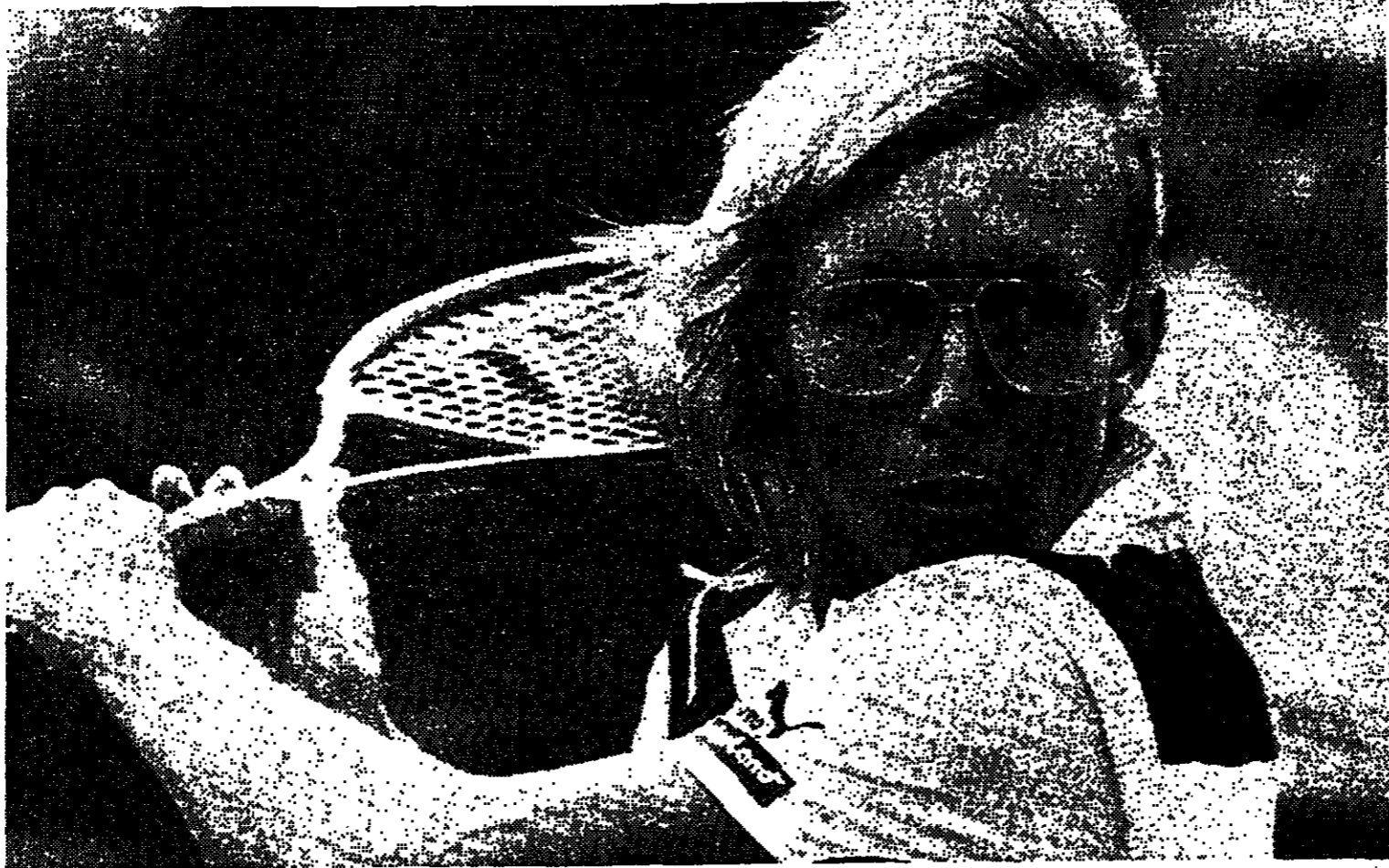
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The Virginia Slims finals in New York this week provide the latest setting for one of the greatest rivalries in tennis history

Celestial twins of the centre court

In the first of a two-part series, Richard Evans charts Martina Navratilova's rise to fame and the friendship that grew from her battles with Chris Evert Lloyd



Navratilova, with two eyes on the target: to become the greatest player who ever lived

One talks of stars and superstars in tennis, but in these terms Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert Lloyd must be said to form a constellation of their own.

The unlikely origin of this phenomenon was Akron, Ohio, where almost 13 years ago to the day they met for the first time at a little indoor arena in front of a few hundred spectators.

There have, of course, been other great rivalries in tennis. The many duels between Margaret Court and Billie-Jean King in the late 1960s come closest in the women's game for longevity and excellence.

As a teenager in Prague Navratilova knew about Lloyd from tennis magazines sent to her by a cousin in Canada. "I used to read about her," she told me, "wondering what it must be like to play at Wimbledon or at Forest Hills, and admiring how she handled herself at such a young age."

Both players have admitted that the other invades their dreams. "I dream about Chris quite often," Navratilova said. "We are not always playing tennis. Sometimes it's basketball, sometimes table tennis, and I don't always win. Then I wake up with a start like I've been through a nightmare!"

In reality, Chris has been anything but a nightmare to Martina. Apart from becoming the motivating factor in her desire for improvement, the underlying force, in fact, that spurred the Czech girl to maximise her enormous physical capabilities, Chris has also been a comfort to the expatriate let loose in a new world.

"When I made my first visit to America in 1973, Chris was already one of the top players on the tour. By the time she turned 18 she was well known as America's sweetheart or America's Ice Princess," Navratilova says in her book Being Myself.

Nowadays we're like chocolate or vanilla, jazz or classical, two champions with opposing styles and temperaments competing for limited space at the top. I look forward to the day when we can share a bottle of wine and talk about the old days. "I used to turn to Chris a lot for help and advice in those early years in America," Martina told me. "We used to play doubles together which helped, and she was always so understanding. Basically, she's just a great lady, and no matter what happens while we are out there battling to become number one in the world, she will always be my friend."

tennis history, remembers of the battles that raged from 1924 to 1930 between the American Bill Tilden and one of France's "Four Musketeers", Jean Borotra.

Yet an almost total absence of acrimony has been one of the most notable aspects of the current rivalry. To call the women close friends would be to simplify a complicated relationship, but the fact remains that each player has inspired and improved the other.

"She's obsessed", Pam Shriver, Navratilova's regular doubles partner, says of Lloyd. "With Martina the motivation tends to go up and down now. I suppose she's becoming more human or something. But with Chris it is constant. I've never seen a competitor like her. She just won't let go."

That much becomes clear from a quick study of the head-to-head records. Lloyd was so dominant at the start that she was leading 24-4 at the beginning of 1979. Then Navratilova beat her for the second year in a row in the Wimbledon final and closed the gap to 28-14 by late 1981 despite a shattering 6-0, 6-0 loss to the American base-liner on clay in the WTA Championships.

Navratilova reacted to that by winning a desperately close three-set struggle in the semi-finals of the US Open that same year, a victory that set her off on an amazing run of success against her great rival. In 20 matches the Czech-born left-hander lost only twice, and when the mubetens sequence had stretched to 13 consecutive matches, many former champions would have pocketed their pride and called it a day.

Lloyd's answer was to head for the gym, reach for the weights and quickly earn the rewards that come from greater strength and physical well-being by beating Navratilova 6-2, 6-4 in the Virginia Slims of Florida in 1985. That was soon followed - 35-32 in Navratilova's favour, Can Lloyd catch up? In Dallas last week I looked for the answer.

"She had already won so much that I didn't know what I could do for her", Estep said. "So I asked her what she wanted; what she was aiming for." She told him she wanted to become the greatest player who ever lived.

Feeling Lloyd's shadow at her shoulder, Navratilova knew that mere physical might would not be enough. "So bit by bit we had to make technical changes", Estep said. "She used to have several different grips on the forehand. Now she had settled on the Continental grip which is not many players use today."

Details would be worked out in long practice sessions which Navratilova enjoyed, but on one point Estep would not compromise. He insisted that this magnificent athlete should use her physical attributes to the full.

"Basically, that means forgetting the base-line stuff and playing like a man", he said. "It means getting to the net as soon as you get a short ball. As the first time you see a short ball in a rally is on a weak second serve I told Martina to get in right then. Chip and charge. Why wait? You're seldom going to get a better opportunity."

It was this switch to all-out assault that propelled Navratilova through the latter part of her long winning streak against Lloyd and, in turn, set up the second phase of their rivalry by forcing Lloyd to go back to the drawing board.

But as the glare of the spotlight became greater and the intensity of their rivalry increased, so tensions strained the friendship. Already their lifestyles were too different for them to spend much time socializing. Now off-the-cuff remarks made in press conferences by one about the other started to rankle. Privately, both have been hurt by them.

Nevertheless, the respect has remained and Navratilova, the most naturally outgoing of the two, still

talks of the way they can relate to each other when the pressure is off. "It is not just girl-talk when we are together", she told Peggy Gossett, who travels the circuit as spokeswoman for the Women's Tennis Association. "We get right into the very, very personal part of our lives. I feel I can tell her anything and she feels the same way, I think. We've seen each other so vulnerable on the court and shared so many intense moments that we can open up without any holding back."

"Opening up" has always been a little easier for Navratilova, which is why she will always be the most controversial of the two. Her private relationships with women were discussed frankly in her autobiography, but even so some of her friends were surprised, though not shocked, when they received a Christmas card featuring a picture of Judy Nelson, the ex-wife of a Dallas doctor, and herself. Along with a cat and an assortment of dogs, the couple now share a four-bedroom house in Fort Worth, styled to Navratilova's specifications in art deco designs and colours.

It is from here that she pursues her interests outside tennis, involving herself with a variety of charitable activities, including a local orphanage, women's rights and conservation. Concern for others is as much part of Martina as her occasional acts of arrogance. Complex, if no longer complicated, Martina Navratilova is already preparing herself for that day when beating Chris Evert Lloyd is no longer her primary concern. In the meantime - and indeed for the foreseeable future - she will try to become the greatest player who ever lived. Statistically, however, she still has a long way to go, starting with this year's attempt to equal Dorothy Lambert Chambers's record of seven Wimbledon singles titles.

Far from fading away to have babies with John Lloyd, she had suddenly closed the gap and was fully competitive again with the only player who really mattered. Even though Navratilova won both their remaining matches of 1985, in the finals of Wimbledon and the Australian Open, she lost a set in both on the surface that is supposed to favour her most, grass.

So the score stands cutingly at 35-32 in Navratilova's favour. Can Lloyd catch up? In Dallas last week I looked for the answer.

Table with columns: Year, Winner, Site, Surface, Rod, Score, Age. Lists tennis matches from 1973 to 1986 between Navratilova and Lloyd.

Tomorrow "No matter what happens now while we are still competing, the basic friendship will survive. I know if I had a real personal problem I could go to Martina and she would respond."

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 902. Includes crossword grid and list of clues: ACROSS: 1 Yacht basin (6), 5 Turly (4), 8 Amalgamation (5), 9 With face shielded (7), 11 Definitions list (8), 13 Mosque leader (4), 15 Mutual accusation (3), 17 Malarial fever (4), 18 Coincidence (3), 21 Praline (7), 22 Dressed (5), 23 Covetousness (4), 24 Fill (6), DOWN: 2 Friend (7), 3 Pub (3), 4 Publicity notice (13), 5 Loan over (4), 6 Blood clots (7), 7 Heavy lorry (10), 10 Decrescendo (10), 12 Slide sideways (4), 14 Lowest voice (4), 16 Wariness (7), 19 Leisurely walk (5), 20 Mooring boat (4), 22 Flunder (3).

How Heathrow is trying to do its duty

Revolutionary new methods are now being employed to cash in on the travelling executive. When it opens in April, Heathrow's fourth terminal will offer the latest in airport thinking - a spacious interior, widespread use of natural light and functional design that are in their own way revolutionary.



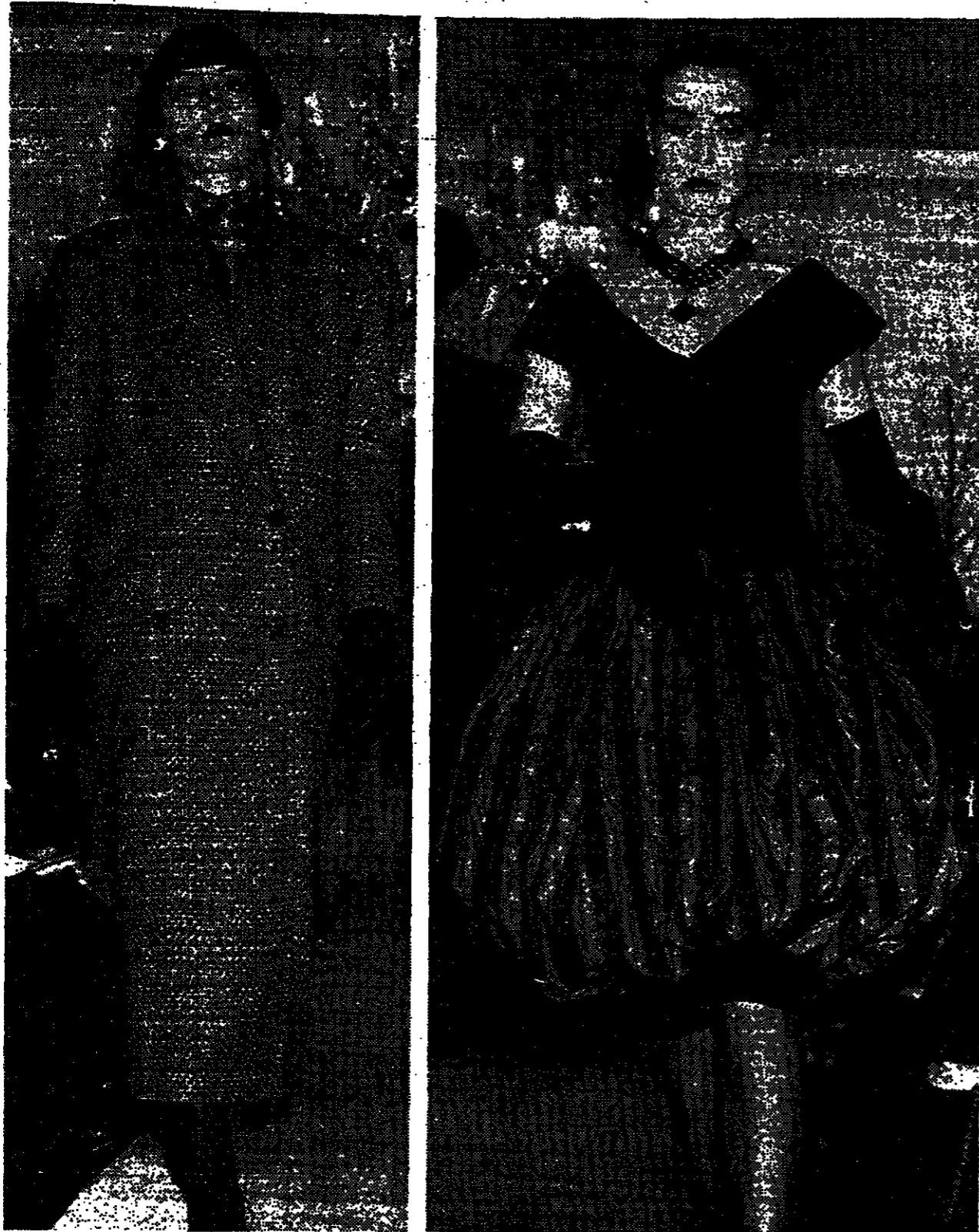
To make the most of the opportunities at Terminal 4, the authority turned to Fitch & Co. one of whose directors, Alan Mackinnon, has become something of a guru to the international airport shopping industry.

Mackinnon began a system where perfumes were grouped in three areas: perfumes up to £30, from £30 to £50, and £50 upwards, and in different groups: sophisticated perfumes in one area, romantic perfumes in another and "lifestyle" perfumes (like Charlie) in a third group. As a result of this clear signposting, sales have rocketed.

Upholstered Furniture. An exceptional exhibition of fine British upholstered furniture including Collins and Hayes, Duresta, Sanderson and Sinclair Melson. Open daily until 18th April. All items are for sale in fabrics to suit requirements. Sanderson, Berners St., London W1. Car Park, Coffee Shop. Monday-Saturday 9.30 - 5.30 Tel: 01-636 7800.

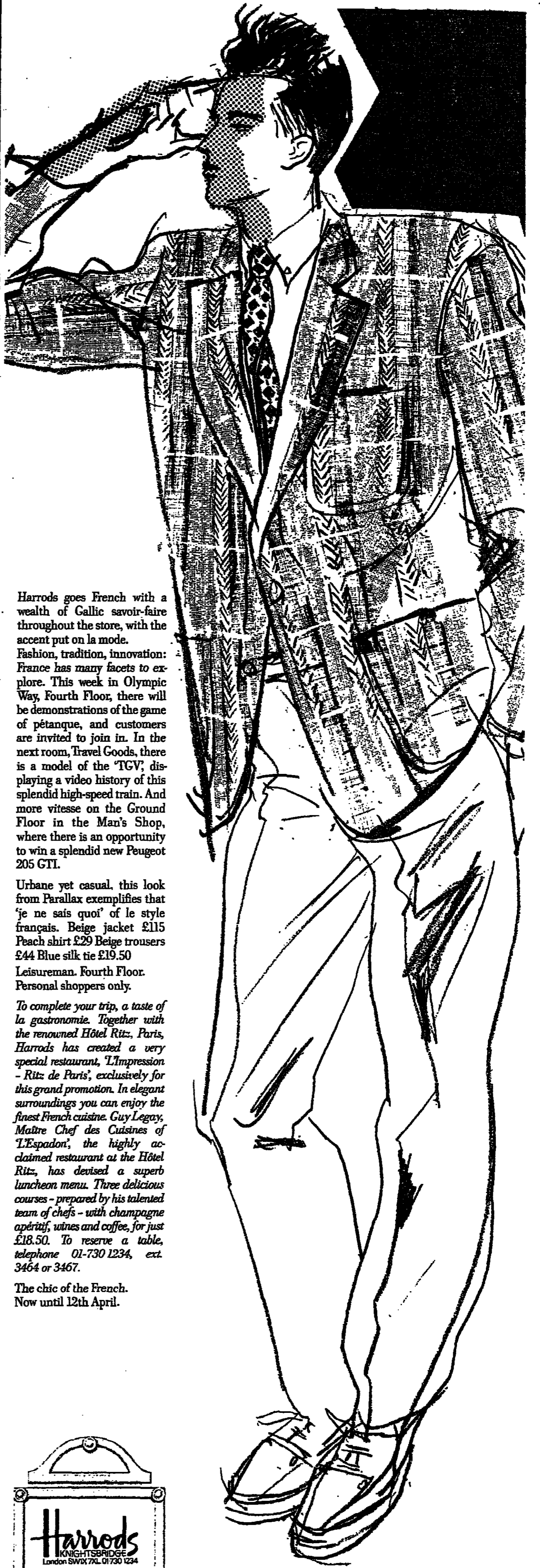
Is this the only kind of bird your children watch? If so, then you should give them a gift of a year's membership to The Young Ornithologists' Club. It's the junior section of the RSPB, and it will make them look at the birds and wildlife around them with fresh, eager eyes. Not square eyes. Frank Barrett.

FASHION by Suzy Menkes



Norman Hartnell ready-to-wear, left: mannish tailoring. Right: puff ball skirt. Photographs by Harry Kerr

C'EST HARRODS AVEC L'ACCENT FRANÇAIS



Harrods goes French with a wealth of Gallic savoir-faire throughout the store, with the accent put on la mode. Fashion, tradition, innovation: France has many facets to explore. This week in Olympic Way, Fourth Floor, there will be demonstrations of the game of pétanque, and customers are invited to join in. In the next room, Travel Goods, there is a model of the 'TGV', displaying a video history of this splendid high-speed train. And more vitesses on the Ground Floor in the Man's Shop, where there is an opportunity to win a splendid new Peugeot 205 GTI.

Urbane yet casual, this look from Parallax exemplifies that 'je ne sais quoi' of le style français. Beige jacket £115 Peach shirt £29 Beige trousers £44 Blue silk tie £19.50 Leisureman. Fourth Floor. Personal shoppers only.

To complete your trip, a taste of la gastronomie. Together with the renowned Hôtel Ritz, Paris, Harrods has created a very special restaurant, L'Impression - Ritz de Paris, exclusively for this grand promotion. In elegant surroundings you can enjoy the finest French cuisine. Guy Legay, Maître Chef des Cuisines of L'Espadon, the highly acclaimed restaurant at the Hôtel Ritz, has devised a superb luncheon menu. Three delicious courses - prepared by his talented team of chefs - with champagne apéritif, wines and coffee, for just £18.50. To reserve a table, telephone 01-730 1234, ext. 3464 or 3467.

The chic of the French. Now until 12th April.



After Hartnell

The late, great Sir Norman Hartnell never designed anything that a lady might wear for breakfast. His world was the great occasion and the grand gown. But what are Ladies who Lunch to do about the new Hartnell ready-to-wear collection?

There is a little something for after six - a slip of rose-pink satin here, a slip of velvet and ottoman silk there. The cocktail section was what you might call a canapé of a collection, small, shapely and with not much to bite on.

This was the contribution of Victor Edelstein, one of three designers called in to revitalise the House of Hartnell.

Joint collections are like group photographs: it is hard to get everybody looking good and the result is often blurred. It was quite clear in this case

INTERNATIONAL COLLECTIONS LONDON

Mixing a fresh cocktail of British designers for the Eighties

who had designed what. The South African Allahn McRae had produced high evening clothes which were unrelentingly black and gave a nod to the famous Hartnell embroideries, mostly by tying ropes of beads round the waist.

The long daywear section was by Sheridan Barnett, and therein lay the problem. At a moment when the fashion world in general, and all the leading London designers, are inspired by the sophistication of haute couture, Barnett

chose perversely to stick to his androgynous tailored daywear. This is a look that Armani in Italy does superbly, but requires a lightness in tailoring, luxurious and inventive fabrics and superb make. None of these things appeared on the Hartnell runway, although there were some good, strong, simple shapes for tailored tweed jackets and dark corduroy coats.

The recent Norman Hartnell exhibition at Brighton should have shown his

relevance to a new generation that is longing to dress up again. I doubt whether any of the three designers had turned a page of Sir Norman's biography *Silver and Gold*, which is both an entertaining book and a statement of his fashion philosophy, which was to make women look the charming, delicate, romantic creatures he believed we are.

I do not see the point of refurbishing Hartnell's faded grandeur, without taking his own work as a frame of reference. Karl Lagerfeld has revitalised Chanel by steeping himself in Mademoiselle's own work and moving on from there. Of the three Hartnell designers, two sank to the occasion. Only Edelstein might be able to produce something worthy of the master's memory.

Curvy cuts by Muir

This is a vintage season for Jean Muir, who has always believed that cut is all-important - and knows more about it than the rest of the London designers put together.

She showed tailoring shaped on the curve: lapels lapping the throat, seamings shaping the bust and hemlines rounded off. A new dress shape, with soft paniers of fabric at the hip, showed off couture tricks. So did the flirty peplum jackets and coats, with *godets* of fabric cut in like butter. The Jean Muir knits are now a great strength, shaped to the body which was very much on show as sweaters were worn over leggings and shirred fabric gripped the hips.

In a season when dark colours dominate, Jean Muir, who took her curtain-call in her perennial navy, showed alarming shades of orange, emerald and chrome yellow alongside classic colours.

The Muir collection, now backed by the Coats Paton group, is balanced by an enlarged Studio Collection shown separately.



Jean Muir's fresh knits worn with narrow leggings

CHAIN REACTION



Send up Mlle Chanel is the fun story in London. The chain-reaction at Joseph Tricot brought us elongated knits interlaced with gilded "Chanel" chains, as well as printed with *troupe d'oeil* crosses in the manner of Madonna, who was the star guest in the audience.

Just in case we did not get the message, Joseph also sent up the entire emphasis on Parisian chic in current fashion. Sharp red and white knits, bordered with white à la Chanel, were sent out as a mock couture collection with no music and the models carrying numbered cards.

Zandra Rhodes also used chains for a Chanel spoof, printing them on silky black jersey dresses (above) that were cut close to the body like all her newer clothes.

But Zandra is first and last a fabric designer and decorator. Her prints this season were inspired by the Great Barrier Reef, and an underwater kingdom of friends and fish were printed onto her chiffon dresses which had tiny starfish hanging from the hem.

The fancy dress party is over. Young designers making news at Olympia went for power dressing and tailoring. It was the same story at the shows, where the theatrical costumes of John Galiano's Young Innocents, adorned with twigs and muslin, were upstaged by fitted shapes and tailoring. London fashion may have found sense, but it hasn't lost wit. Joe Casely Hayford's New Conservatives Collection takes a wry look at city dressing. His caricature of the city suit has wide lapels and over-sized turn-ups.

YOUNG ONES

The knee-length slim skirts which were a strong look on the catwalks are rivalled by Stephanie Cooper's long full-skirted dresses with cinched-in waists in navy blue or black. The riding coat survives another season, with double rows of Chanel-look shiny buttons by Jane Stott.

Monty Don Jewellery brings Parisian chic to our lapels with diamond poodle and butterfly brooches. The original 1950s

handbag is recreated in smooth black leather, an essential accessory for the little black suit. Hearts and flowers were a sweeter story from Gary Wright and Sheila Teague.

Country cousins wear baggy eskimo sweaters with reindeer and Christmas trees from Artwork; Ally Capellino goes nautical with *mailet* sweaters, sailor collars and anchors knitted into thick wool jackets.

Rebecca Tyrrel

THE TIMES DIARY

Jeane's big scene

Inside sources in Washington tell me that former UN ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick is being groomed as running mate to George Bush in the 1988 presidential election.

Donald Treford spotted my piece on Mirror managing editor Jo Foley's resignation...

Last laugh

Martin Rogers, head of King Edward's School in Birmingham, could be forgiven for ruing the day he allowed John Cleave into his school hall to film the final scene in the film Clockwise.

Small-minded

Showman satirist Ned Sherrin is moaning that the GLC is doing less than nothing to publicize his musical Small Expectations...

Signing off

A BBC Northern Ireland TV crew spent Sunday filming Irish Foreign Minister Peter Barry in Cork, Brussels and Dublin.

Stoop conquers

A reader tells me that "Gorby Dahl" (Diary last week) is not the only American to make a name for himself over here.

BARRY FANTONI



'Perhaps they'll get a tobacco company to sponsor it'

Borderline

Social Democrat, the Alliance's official organ, shows how Shirley Williams is not thinking so big these days.

Lost cause

Here's a good human-rights bandwagon for the GLC to leap on before it goes under: a government which, according to an Amnesty International report...

PHS

Platanares Less than 15 miles away from this mountain hamlet in northern Nicaragua...

For the peasant inhabitants of Platanares, the vote in Washington means the difference between peace and war.

In March last year the 70,000-strong Soviet-equipped Sandinista Popular Army...

In Platanares, the villagers today say they can't remember the last time they heard a shot.

Diogenes, asked why he had been begging for money from a statue, replied: "I am practising disappointment"

Well, if they will not give, I can take. Let me first remind you of the condition of Fleet Street as the ship...

Next door, Mr Stevens has spoken even more bluntly: he says that if he doesn't halve his workforce...

Mr Maxwell himself, displaying all the calm of a jumping bean in a Force Nine gale...

Pronunciation is a feature of English that permits even more variety than orthography, grammar, semantics, or vocabulary.

Some regional pronunciations have a lowly status, particularly those that diverge pronouncedly from the average...

Another word that is changing its sound is "consortium". During the Westland party games...

John Carlin visits northern Nicaragua: peace now but war never far away

Will Congress bail out the contras?

London. But it is too soon to say the war is over. Illiterate but undeceived, a middle-aged father of nine draws nods all around...

Diplomats in Managua have variously described the contras as "hillbillies", "a ragtag army and a shambling crowd".

Reagan's analogy on Friday between the contras and a British needing US help against Nazi Germany led to dismay in Managua...

In an interview this week, a senior diplomat said Washington believes that Nicaragua's three million people are in a ferment...

Haiti or the Philippines; acting on this supposition, US policy makers believe that only a moderate contra presence inside Nicaragua...

But in Platanares, people see things differently. Some, certainly, are resentful, having been forcibly evicted by the Sandinista army...

In Managua, where a third of the country's three million people live, there is thought to be more discontent than in the countryside.

Even Sandinista analysts, however, accept that popular support for the government is probably lower now than it was in elections in November 1984...

lomat noted, the Sandinistas are losing support not because they are tyrannical as Washington claims...

People grumble a great deal, but, save perhaps for the embittered minority middle class, they are not calling for Ortega's head.

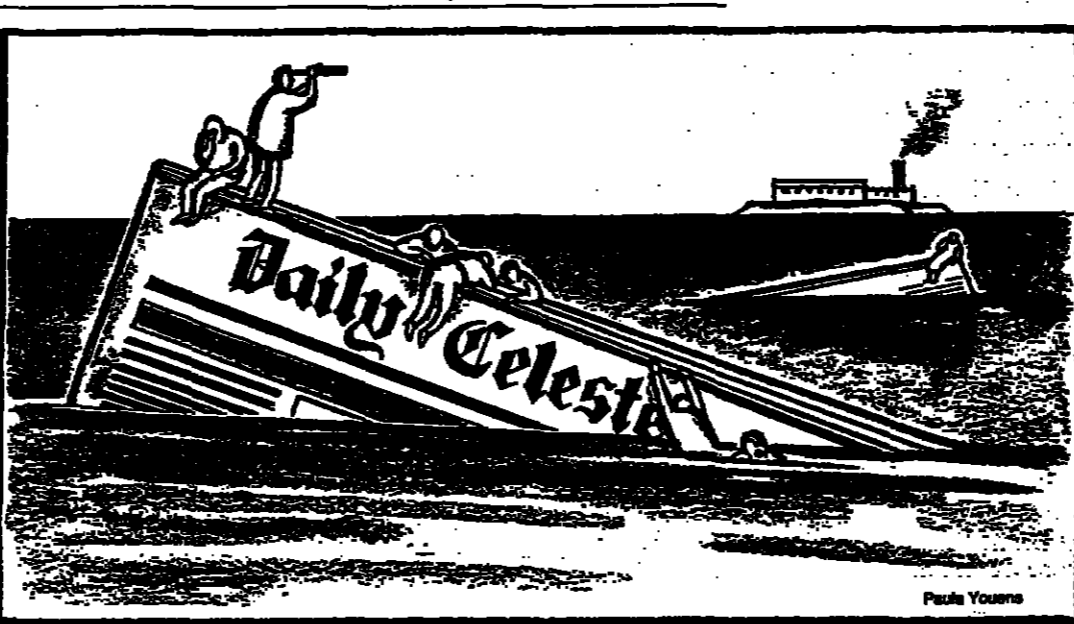
Furthermore, the government has mounted a persuasive campaign through the controlled press to convince the people that without "Yankee imperialist aggression", Nicaragua's economic problems would not exist.

The theory that subsequent discontent would rebound against the Sandinistas may be correct. But there are no grounds for believing that the contras would simultaneously gain political support.

In strictly military terms, prospects look bleak for the contras, even if President Reagan does get the money through Congress on Thursday.

The question now, long asked by the Sandinistas themselves and increasingly raised by alarmed European and Latin American diplomats...

Bernard Levin: the way we live now



Our liferaft but you're all welcome

or out, for even with the new technology this newspaper takes fully 20 minutes to print. But however excitable his behaviour, his aim is clear: he needs more manning reductions than he has so far achieved...

The story of the Guardian is in some ways the most remarkable of all: it has been like those car advertisements that claim for the vehicle being promoted that it can go from immobility to a speed rather more than twice that of light in 3.5 seconds.

Like everybody else, I have heard the rumours of a substantial cut in all or some of News International's cover prices and advertising rates.

Say there

Philip Howard: new words for old

means. "If you twist my arm, I shall accept a large whisky and a pint of heavy."

This would have happened if The Man from Wagga Wagga had not decided to call it a day overnight.

It has not, to be sure, happened because of admiration for Mr Murdoch's beaux yeux; there are very few romantic souls left in Fleet Street.

As I have always maintained, the man who makes a hole in the hedge gets scratched, but those who go through it after him feel no discomfort.

But that is not the real revolution that the Wapping move has wrought, nor would it in itself be expected to generate gratitude

among News International's rivals. The really astounding development is to be found in the way the print unions are now concluding agreements...

As a sign of a sudden access of sanity, this new attitude is to be generally welcomed; indeed, I am quite sure it has been welcomed. But let me not doubt that the lunacy would have continued if it had not been for the sound of the clock striking eleven.

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common herd. Thus the specialists pronounce it cervical cancer. We profane amateurs pronounce the science chemistry.

Digby Anderson When vox is really pop

It's not Birmingham council's fault that it reminded me of the day Monica Sherrington exploded. I was all set to tell you about the council's plan to tackle disputes between neighbours.

A psychologist, Guy Cumberbatch of Aston University, brought in to report on it, urges the setting up of "mediation" centres.

London's Borough of Newham already has such a "mediation centre" run by its "conflict and change project".

Of course we have, as do public-sector tenants, environmental nuisance laws to protect us, and common sense to work out how loudly we shouldn't play Manon Lescau on Saturday nights.

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Budget Special: the Chancellor's timetable 8 am: Chancellor awakes with an odd feeling that he has to do something important this afternoon.

Monica hadn't "talked about it" or that she wouldn't talk about it. She "needed" to talk about it.

This was despite the fact that Monica had told us all about Harold's mother long ago. Talking, for Bingists like Barbara, is not a summary of the essential facts but a long-range imaginative haul.

One day Monica - I suspect to please Barbara - went pop and "let it out".

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But if you're using our new Terminal, there's something you ought to know.

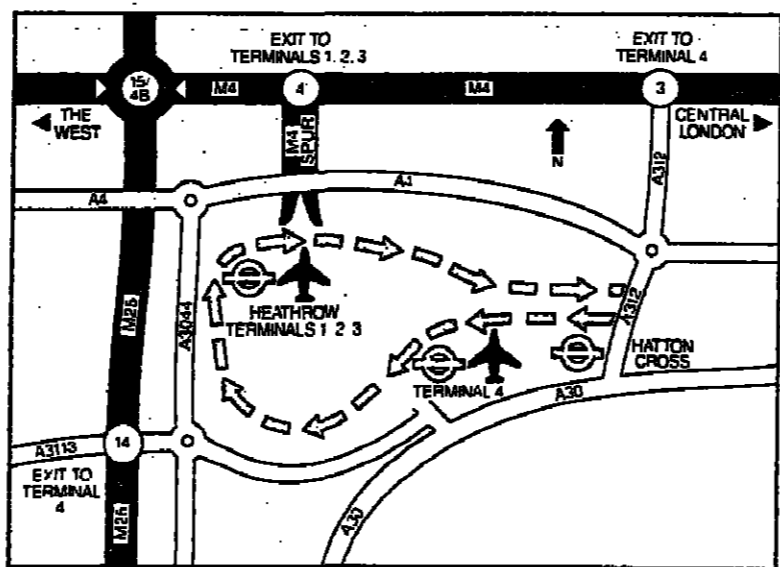
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Table of commodity prices including LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE, LONDON METAL EXCHANGE, and LONDON FUTURE EXCHANGE. Lists prices for various metals, oils, and agricultural products.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table of foreign exchange rates for Sterling Spot and Forward Rates, Dollar Spot Rates, and Euro Money Deposits. Includes rates for various currencies and banks.

WALL STREET

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street stocks held on to their gains yesterday as investors responded enthusiastically to a large 1.6 per cent drop in February producer prices.

The Dow Jones industrial average soared 39.03 points to a record 1792.74. It was also its biggest one-week rise, a gain of 90 points.

Advancing issues led declining shares by 1,036 to 633. "We are riding the crest of a very powerful, emotional wave in this market," Mr Eugene Peroni of Bateman Eichler, Hill Richards said.

The American Stock Exchange prices closed higher in heavy trading. The Dow Jones industrial average soared 39.03 points to a record 1792.74.

Table of stock market data including Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500, and various sector indices. Lists market rates and company performance.

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Table of money market rates and gold prices. Includes Euro Money Deposits, Gold prices, and ECGB data.

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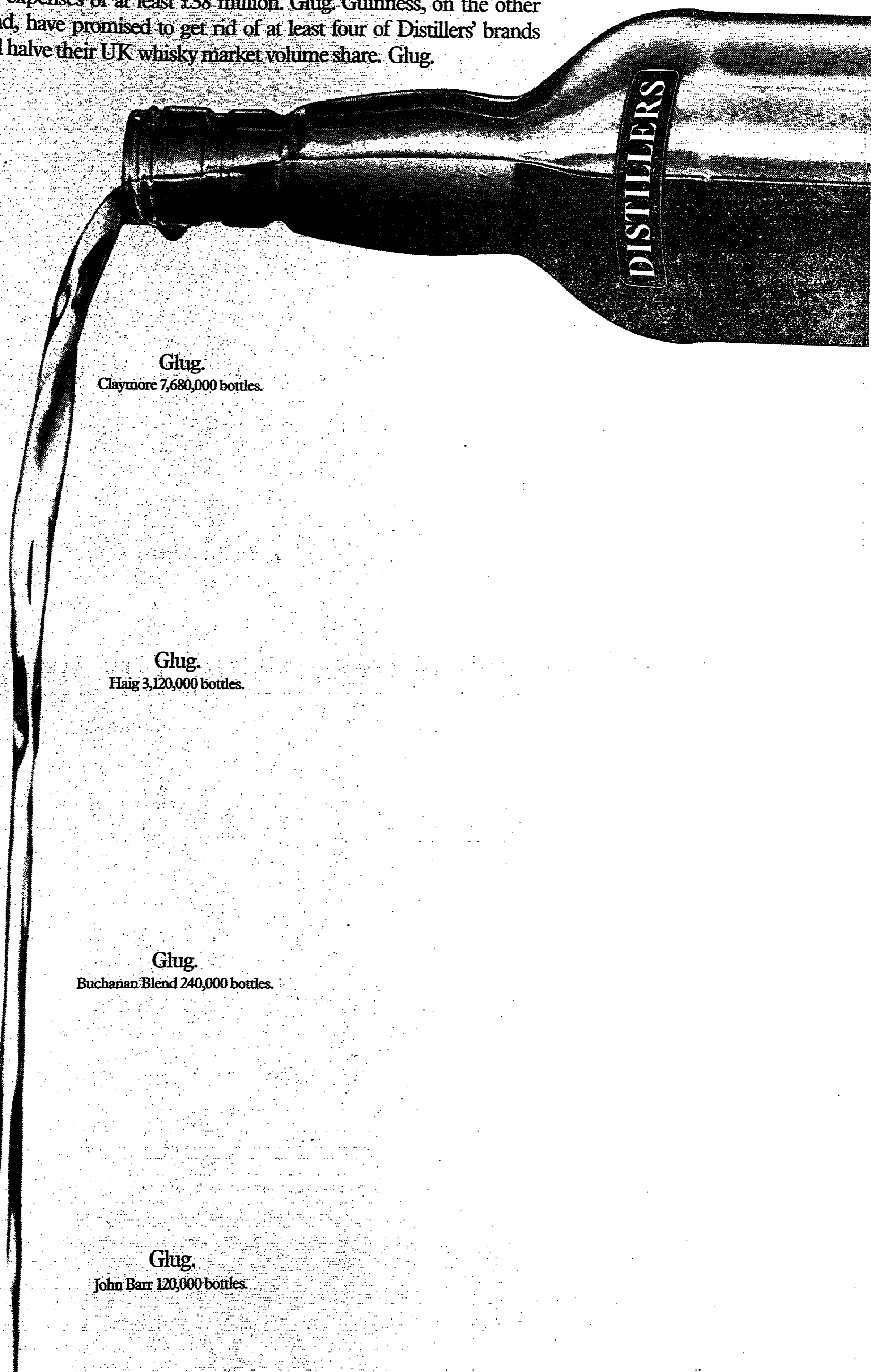
THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Large table of unit trust information service data, listing various investment trusts, their managers, and performance metrics.

Quotations on this page refer to Friday's trading. It is a list of various financial data and market information.

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Unbelievable. Distillers' directors have agreed to pay Guinness' bid expenses of at least £38 million. Glug. Guinness, on the other hand, have promised to get rid of at least four of Distillers' brands and halve their UK whisky market volume share. Glug.



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COMPUTER HORIZONS/2

AI school of philosophy

By Elizabeth Fowler

Artificial intelligence, an industry of the future, will need more philosophers, judging by an American course in logic and computation being offered at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

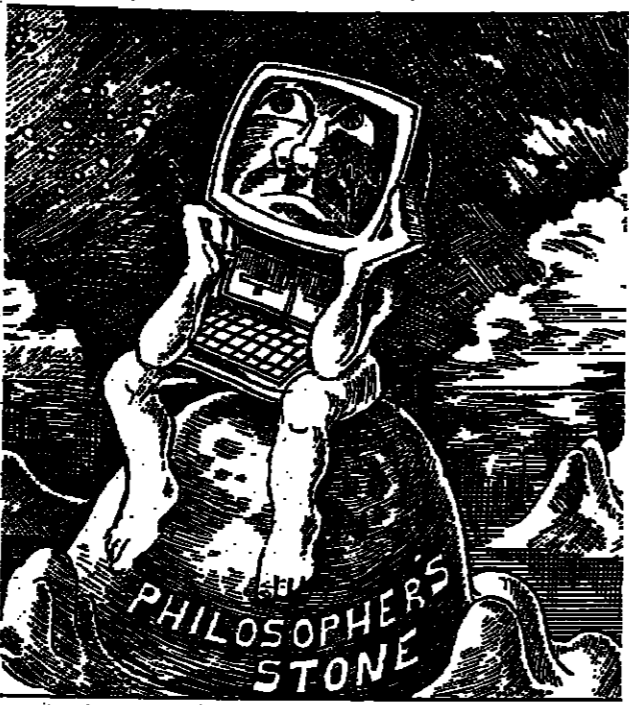
Dr Clark Glymour, professor of philosophy at the university, speaks of an increased demand for philosophy graduates. "It may seem odd," he said, "what happened is that some years ago philosophy grew closely connected to logical theory, which, in turn, was the genesis of computer algorithms involved in the development of digital computers.

"Programmers for computers are a dime a dozen, but what is needed are people who can take vaguely formed problems and find ways to make them precise enough to be programmed. This is what philosophers can do and they are planning a major role in artificial intelligence."

Like the human mind, so-called intelligent machines, such as equipment for medical diagnoses, must be capable of applying the knowledge it acquires — intelligence that must be programmed in.

The connection between philosophy and high technology has been reaching undergraduate level and Carnegie-Mellon began a course six months ago called Logic and Computation, involving studying the technical and theoretical issues in artificial intelligence.

All along, Dr Glymour said, there have been radical misconceptions about philoso-



phy. Perhaps one reason is that philosophy courses have placed too much emphasis on ethics — and he expects the numbers to move up with the realization that philosophy has arrived at the edge of high technology.

Many leaders in artificial intelligence have backgrounds in philosophy, with emphasis on logical thought such as Dr Herbert Simon, of the Carnegie-Mellon faculty, who is a Nobel Prize winner.

When Dr Bruce Buchanan, professor of computer science at Stanford University, designed the Dendral program, which helps chemists to identify the structure of molecules,

he called on his background in philosophy courses taken at Michigan State University.

Core elements of the course include logic and compatibility, probability and artificial intelligence — fundamental structures of computer science and minds, machines and knowledge. It also requires mathematics — including calculus — statistics, philosophy, linguistics and psychology.

Professional career opportunities open for graduates of the new course include research programming, artificial intelligence, program development and the industrial applications of computational linguistics.

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CD & PC: A marriage is announced

By Geof Wheelwright

A strange marriage of technology took place in Seattle, Washington last week. The compact disc (CD) and the personal computer (PC) were joined together in a quiet ceremony before several hundred of the top people in the international electronic and computer business.

Though the couple had been living together for some time, talk of any official link up between them was not possible until the supporters of each could sit down and discuss the terms of the arrangement.

It looks like more than a marriage of convenience.

The mass information storage capabilities from the CD technology — which has made it a hugely popular medium for storing high quality music (its devotees claim that more than 2 million CD player units have been sold in less than three years) — could perfectly complement a growing need for quick information retrieval among PC users. Last week's conference, sponsored by US software house Microsoft, was an attempt to bring an early set of standards to the business of hooking together the two technologies deciding how the information will be physically set out on the compact disc and how it will be displayed on the screen.

It was not, however, just an obscure conference of boffins deciding on how bits and bytes will pass between computer and compact disc player.

Among the attendees were Microsoft boss Bill Gates, Digital Research founder (and long time Gates rival) Gary Kidland, along with senior executives from Apple, Borland, Hitachi and Ashton-Tape.

The conference also attracted the attention of large reference work publishers, who see CD-ROM (Compact Disc-Read Only Memory, the name given to the technology

which allows CD players to store computer information) as a way of offering reference books on relatively low cost computer storage media.

The American Grolier company, which publishes a popular encyclopedia in the US, has already invested a good deal of money in CD computer technology and now offers a version of its name encyclopaedia on CD-ROM.

This is made possible because the compact disc can hold more than 60 times the amount of information on a standard business computer's

More than 60 times the information

ten megabyte hard disc information storage system.

Even with the huge capacities of existing CD systems, however, you still cannot store a lot of information as TV-style pictures of encyclopedia pages. All the information in the encyclopedia must be keyed in by the publishing company to create a master disc through which copies are made.

Companies such as Grolier are hoping that meetings like the one in Seattle last week will allow the industry to establish a standard for "squashing down" the information on CD-ROM discs so that actual pictures of each encyclopedia page, complete with illustrations, can be encoded on a CD-ROM rather than displaying information just as simple text.



'My wife doesn't understand my PC'

Reprieve for paper in the office

By Richard Sarson

Computers are supposed to create the paperless office because they can hold documents on their discs and display them on their screens. But paper is making a comeback as output for computer systems on the executive's desk-top.

The device that has re-launched paper is the cheap laser printer. This does not print a character at a time, or a line at a time — like normal impact printers — but a page at a time. This makes it about 10 times as fast. Being non-impact, it is also half as noisy. But most important it prints drawings, graphs, pie-charts and even photographs with as much ease as text. Previously, to print graphics you were stuck with matrix-printing which was slow and spotty, or graph plotters which were accurate but expensive and did not handle text well.

Xerox has other strengths in this new world of document management. It was they who, after all, invented the mouse and icon idea. They have used this for the software that shuffles chunks of text and graphics around the VDU. Their screen is full A4 size, so you can build up a full page, ready for the laser to print it.



Carlos Pascual: Aiming at in-house printing departments

ou a better quality of printed document. The final target will be the small jobbing printers who could use a laser printer to do most of their low-volume work that does not need too glossy a finish.

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At the lower end of the market Apple says it now expects to sell 30 per cent of all Macintosh computers to this marketplace, which it calls "personal publishing." Commodore's Amiga is also partly aimed at this area — it can connect direct to typesetting machines.

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The chips are down in Vegas

Computers experts have been warned not to take any of their equipment into casinos in Las Vegas during an international conference there in June.

Jeremy Hill, of John Hill Travel, which is handling conference bookings for British delegates, said casino owners were worried that

computers could be used in card games to accept details of cards which had been dealt — then to work out the odds of winning a hand.

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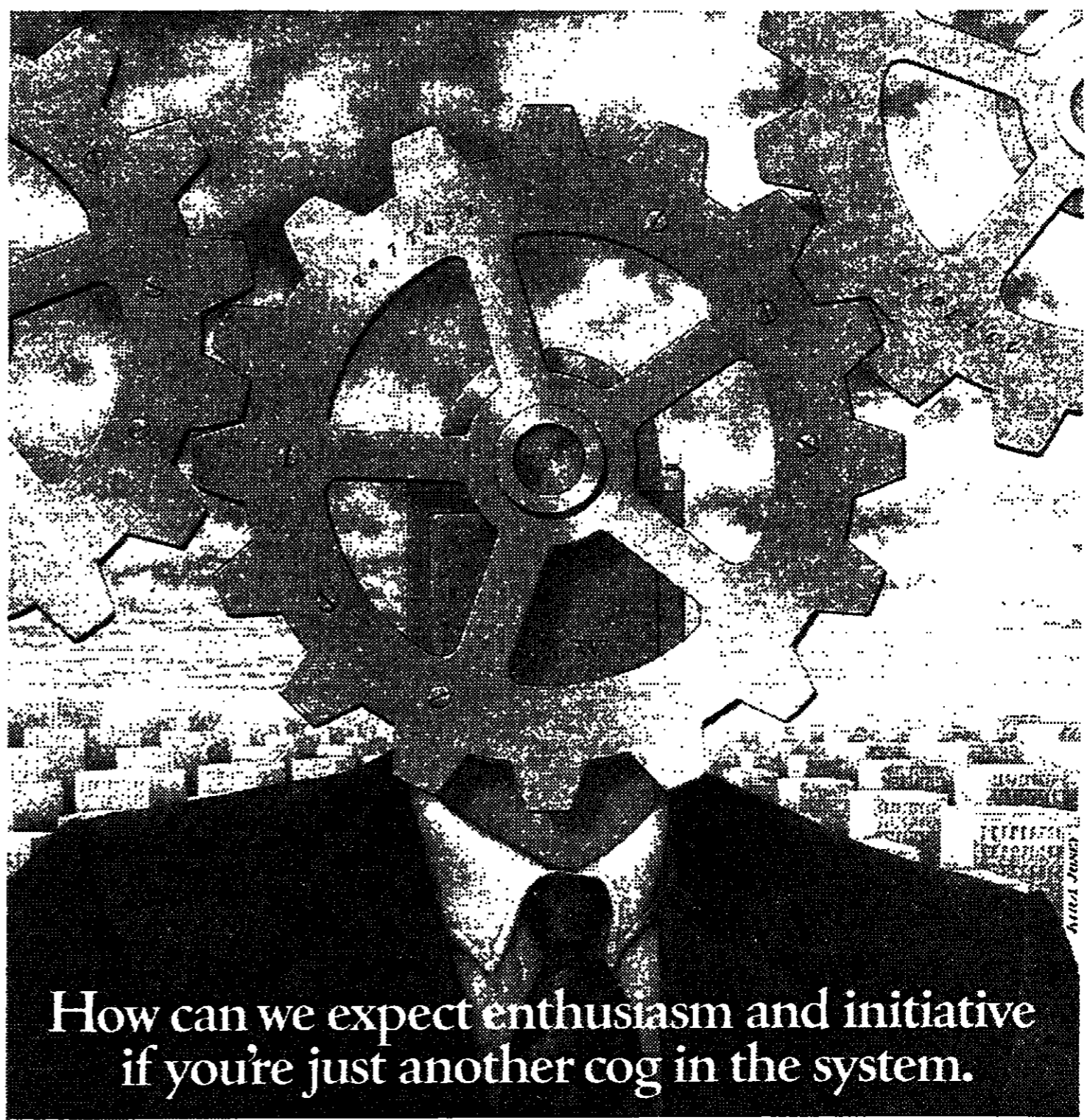
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A SPECIAL REPORT ON MANCHESTER BUSINESS SCHOOL/1

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Managers of the new generation

Manchester Business School is one of two post-graduate business schools created in 1965 through the recommendation of a report prepared at the request of government and business representatives. One of these first-generation centres of management excellence was to be based in Manchester and integrated into the University of Manchester. The other, the London Business School, is part of the University of London. By their coming of age each establishment had evolved a distinctive identity. This personality stems partly from geographical differences - MBS occupies a austere premises in a major industrial centre, while the London Business School enjoys elegant surroundings on the edge of Regent's Park. Equally important are the differences in teaching methods which the two schools have developed during the ensuing 21 years in response to changing requirements. Since Dr Rab Telfer took over as director of MBS in September 1984 he has fielded attacks from Government seeking to cut costs and from industrialists worried about the calibre of their management recruits. He gets irritated by the assumption that all business schools are alike. "They are not homogenous," he says. "Each one is different with their own way of doing things. Equally, companies and their requirements vary. In our planning for the future, we've got to recognize the necessity for maintaining variety."

to nearer 50 in the last year and is set to rise to nearer 70 by the end of the decade. The next stage will be to seek increases in student numbers without reducing the stringent academic requirements. With the equivalent of 1,500 full-time students, Manchester already ranks among the largest of Britain's business schools but it nevertheless covers a tiny proportion of the country's total management population. The target is to double the overall number to around 3,000 by 1990. A proposal that government After 21 years, MBA has come of age and aims to double its number of students to 3,000 over the next five years. funds should be withdrawn and the business schools become totally self-funding is seen as having a serious effect on the supply of students for the full-time, two-year Master of Business Administration course. A few of the 200 or so young graduates who are studying for their MBA at Manchester get help from scholarships from companies like Continental Oil, Pilkington, Ford and Coleroll. Others borrow from banks for their course fees and living costs, but most rely heavily on government ESRC grants. Within the last 10 years, MBS has succeeded in shifting the balance of its funding away from government and on to industry. In 1975, three-quarters of its revenue was supplied by the state. Ten years later the proportion of

signed up for residential courses. A third area of competence is identified as information technology. A grant from IBM of £2 million worth of equipment strengthens an existing involvement in information technology. The grant involves collaboration with IBM in a joint project aimed at developing new approaches to teaching managers using computers. A fourth area of particular competence is small business development. With the backing of the Manpower Services Commission, MBS claims to have pioneered small business enterprise training in Europe. Expansion is, of course, dependent on demand. Being a prudent Scot - he was born in Bathgate and graduated from Edinburgh University - as well as a businessman, Dr Telfer began his appointment with a series of visits to chairman, chief executives and board level staff of more than 100 major UK companies. The purpose was not only to explain the activities of the school, but also to learn about present and future needs of the market. Frankness during these visits was encouraged by Dr Telfer's own background. Before joining MBS he was chairman and managing director of Mather & Platt for three years. Before that he had worked for ICI for nearly 30 years and had shared the searing experiences of making recessionary cutbacks while chairman of the petrochemicals division. "Contrary to perceived wisdom," he says that he found most of the people had "a growing awareness of the importance of management development". "A lot of British companies realized rather late in the day that they did not have the calibre of managers they need-

ed to sort themselves out after the recessionary cutbacks. Chopping up companies and new rationalizing them although painful and demoralizing is relatively easy. The difficult thing is the renewal of a company - deciding where it goes in the future and how it should get there. Whether the awareness of the need for management development is translated into "real positive action" as far as the business schools is concerned is, as Dr Telfer acknowledges, "another question." Certainly, MBS is currently experiencing a surge in demand for short programmes for practising managers. But to concentrate too much on this type of education, although lucrative, would, he believes, risk upsetting the balance of the school and ultimately probably not be in the best interests of "improving the management competence of the UK Limited".



Dr Rab Telfer: In his role as director, he has recognized the need to vary training to meet industry's growing requirements

Choosing the very best candidates

Stringent academic requirements are the legacy Manchester Business School has inherited as an organisation grafted on to an established university. Course directors pride themselves on seeking people with the highest intellectual and academic qualifications for the Master of Business Administration course. These are also subject to the same scrutiny from external examiners as are graduates in other, arguably better-defined disciplines. One reason MBS has been able to stick to rigorous entry requirements is that demand far outstrips supply. The school receives more than 6,000 enquiries a year but

teaching and other facilities restrict it to around 1,500. About 200 are engaged on the full-time MBA programme. The rest may be participants in the part-time MBA courses - introduced in 1981; on one of the open development courses for practising executives; or working on an education programme tailored to a particular company's requirements such as those organised by the highly-successful International Banking Centre. A good first degree or an equivalent professional qualification is the starting point for candidates for the Master of Business Administration

Patricia Tisdall

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We're right behind it.

IBM's 18,000 UK employees in their 45 locations are being encouraged to support the goals of Industry Year 1986. These are to increase public awareness of industry's vital role in society, to improve links between education and industry and also for industry itself to improve its relationship with the community. For example, IBM United Kingdom Limited is working on a

joint project with the Manchester Business School: a project aimed at developing new approaches to teaching management disciplines using information technology. It is a happy coincidence that 1986 is both Industry Year and the 21st anniversary of the Manchester Business School. Let's hope that everyone in Britain will believe this year is as important as we do.



Only the best should apply

Continued from page 29 programme. Participants are typically in their early twenties, with a year or so of work experience since leaving university (only about a third come straight from their first degree).

They are also highly motivated enough to be willing not only to drop their salaries but also to find the several thousands of pounds required for tuition fees and upkeep during the study period.

Cost was an important reason why Don Cruickshank (now managing director of the Virgin Group but then, in 1970, at the outset of his career with a wife and two young children to support) stayed in England to take his MBA rather than go to the United States. Mr Cruickshank was an obvious high flier—a graduate who had taken accountancy training and then spent four years manufacturing.

His reasons for wanting to take an MBA were to broaden his knowledge about different types of business, in particular the service industries, to learn about marketing and to widen his range of contacts. He also wanted to keep pace with his peer group, many of whom had American business school degrees.

Having checked out the London Business School as well as Manchester, he decided the English MBA course was just as effective as any US equivalent and probably more relevant. The reason for opting for Manchester (having been offered a place by both universities) was that he preferred Manchester's project based approach to LBS's case-study methods. He also liked Manchester's more relaxed course structure and the availability of options. "I had learned to manage my own time and did not need to be spoon fed," he says.

Teaching methods based on practical projects, which may involve students working with

a selection from up to 60 different companies, are a distinctive MBS feature. During their second year, students are required to tackle five projects, at least three of which are concerned with the problems of major companies.

In order to ensure an international dimension, students are required to take part in an international business project which requires them to exercise their fledgling skills in a foreign environment.

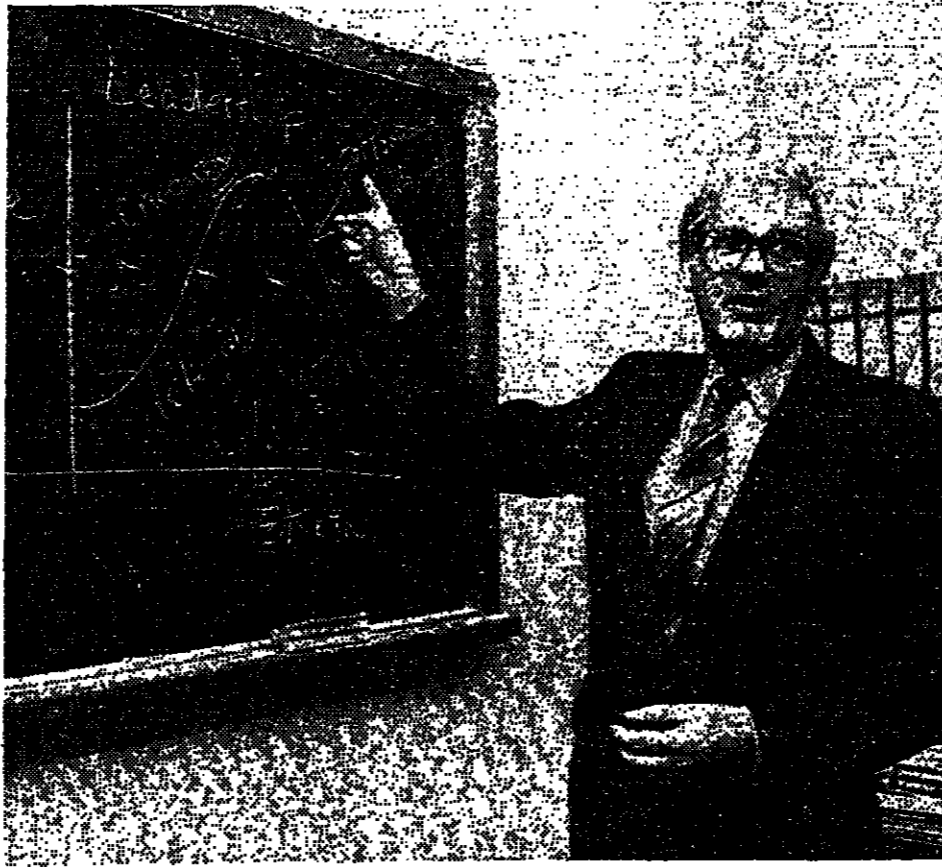
The emphasis on practical projects, which has been a characteristic of the Manchester Business School since its inception, undoubtedly reflects its location in a major industrial centre. But the engineering and research and development background of many of the early course designers, including that of Alan Pearson, the director of the MBA Programme, also played a part in developing the teaching methodology.

To be effective, projects need to be relevant and up to date. All the faculty staff in the Post Graduate Centre are encouraged to work directly with companies as consultants. This helps generate material which is fed back into the course programmes.

Students can either identify their own projects or work with Pearson and his team in choosing an appropriate area and selecting a company to work with on solving a particular problem.

Onus for assessing the effectiveness and quality of the project work rests with the faculty, although the opinions of the company concerned are usually taken into consideration.

Projects are intended to reflect real-life management challenges. Students who complain, for instance, that they have not been given sufficient information or that they have been hindered by unforeseen factors, are offered little sympathy. Assessment



Alan Pearson: His engineering background helped in developing the teaching methodology

relates more to the approach the students adopt and the methods they apply than to the result.

The full-time MBA Programme operates in two sections—the first year deals with teaching the basic concepts and theories while the second year is concerned with the in-depth study of selected subjects.

In the summer vacation preceding the second year, MBA students normally take a job in industry, commerce or government which will provide material for a 10,000 word dissertation. This is intended to provide a point of reference for future employment as well as a bridge between theory and practice.

Students wishing to take the full two-year course are required to reach a minimum standard in their first year examinations. A few drop out at this stage for various reasons, but most complete the programme. Typically, only 15 per cent of the initial participants do not go on to get their MBA or qualification—a

success rate which the course organisers attribute as much to care in selection as to sympathetic teaching.

It was feared initially that academic concessions might be needed for the part-time masters course for managers who do not want to take two years away from their jobs. But Alan Wilkinson, the director of the executive master's course, is more than satisfied with the performance of the 100 or so who have given up their Fridays to participate in the course so far.

The age spectrum is much wider than on the full-time MBA programme, ranging from 20's to mid-40's. Participants are practicing managers. "We suspect they learn as much from each other as they do from the faculty staff," says Mr Wilkinson.

Improvements in status, career performance and salary levels are tangible incentives for students to take their MBA degree. A survey of MBS graduates shows that more than 90 per cent of graduates

of more than ten years' standing are now working at senior management or board level. Critics of management education frequently observe that this and other surveys merely cover managers who would have reached the top of their career ladders, irrespective of taking an MBA.

Supporters of management education reply that the MBA programme helps to make good potential managers even better, particularly those who are working in an international environment. Subjective comments by graduates suggest that true advantages may be less tangible.

MBA graduates learn "maturity and self confidence in the ability to learn from mistakes," observed a tutor. "Learning to work with other people" is how one student described her experiences. "The right approach to finding solutions to problems never encountered before," said another.

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It's the mixing that broadens the mind

Working alongside participants from other companies is an important part of the shorter development courses which Manchester, like other business schools, runs for practising managers.

This is one of the reasons why the organizers usually insist that these courses are residential. It was also why Barrie Gardner stayed at the university when he took the 10-week executive development programme, even though his home was in Manchester.

The course is intended to develop managers typically aged between 25 and 40 in the middle of their career and

The bias towards marketing skills

equip them to take on greater profit responsibility. Mr Gardner, who at that time was a general manager with Northern Foods—he was promoted to managing director of Bowyers, a newly acquired subsidiary, immediately after his return—surveyed various business schools, then narrowed his choice to London Business School and Manchester.

He opted for Manchester mainly because he liked the emphasis on "putting theory into practice and approved of its bias towards marketing skills, and he accepted the temptation to get distracted by the proximity of home and work. In the event, Mr Gardner describes "the real plus as the opportunity to see different business problems and to mix with counterparts from different sectors of the business community."

He has also been able to put some of the cost-cutting and rationalization theory into real-life operation when faced with the challenge of a company with 3,500 people, a turnover of £120 million and an annual loss of £1.5 million.

Bill Davies, the director of the executive development centre, who has been with MBS almost since the beginning, considers cross-fertilization to be even more important in today's environment than it was in the 1960s.

"There is much less mobility now than there was then," he says. The fact that managers change jobs less frequently and move between companies less can mean that they get stuck in a rut of prejudice or bad practice.

The 10-week course contains a blend of core programme activities—40 per cent—while projects and syndicate work occupy a further 40 per cent of time, and the remaining 20 per cent is allocated to optional subjects.

It is intended to be suitable both for the generalist who wants to deepen a particular part of his knowledge—finance or new technology skills for instance—or for the specialist who wants exposure to other disciplines.

The 10-week executive development programme is one of two main courses operated by the centre. The other is the senior executive course. This is a three-week programme intended, as its name suggests, for managers who are at or near board level. It runs twice yearly and has consistently attracted capacity bookings.

A third category introduced in January 1985 consists of tailor-made courses designed for individual companies. These do not have the advantage of cross-fertilization as all the participants work for the same organization. Nevertheless, they have proved extremely popular. Recent clients for such programmes include Marks & Spencer, British Rail, British Nuclear Fuels and Kellogg.

As in-company courses are confidential to every client, the case studies used in it can be real material drawn from the company's own files which

helps to make the information more relevant to the students. Another advantage of a group of managers from the same company attending such a course is that they then share the same background and understanding. This means that when they go back, they are in a good position to put what they have learnt into action.

Manchester Business School is particularly pleased to list Marks & Spencer among its clients. "We have made a specific effort to develop our position in the retailing industry," says Derek Channon, director of the centre for business research. "We

'We research the organization first'

believe we have a great deal to offer there. When we are designing a course for an organization we will actively research the organization and the market it is operating in before we start."

What do companies think about the courses? Coloroll, the Lancashire-based wallpaper and furnishing manufacturer, whose sales have grown almost tenfold from £6.5m in 1978, became closely involved with MBS two years ago as part of what John Ashcroft, the chairman, describes as a "realistic appraisal of future management requirements."

Primarily, the association was seen as an aid to recruitment through getting the company known among bright young managers. But in the more altruistic sense this company "believes in the role of the business schools in the national economy."

In regards Manchester Business School, as a centre of excellence—as part of the company's own local environment it was also the obvious choice—and is prepared to back its principles with tangible support.

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The "Manchester Method" evolved at MBS is quite simple: learning by doing. It is this practical approach which the teachers and the taught alike believe puts the School head and shoulders above the rest.

One way this is achieved is by giving course participants as much opportunity to see how the other half live and work as often as possible.

On-the-ground experience is a key-point especially for second year MBA students, 20 per cent of whom are women, a ratio which rises every year.

The International Business Project involves students working with companies on their problems on an international scale.

Usually this means exploring overseas markets and international financing and management, acquisitions and joint venture opportunities have all provided valuable contacts and experience for some of the North American projects.

In total, the students last year handled 18 projects involving field work in 38 different countries, and in the past ten years over 150 different studies have been made.

The opportunity to travel, especially on the student exchange programme, appealed to second year student Liz Birkby, aged 27.

She comes from Woking, Surrey, and her obvious first choice to "widen my experience" as she said, was at London BS.

She said: "But I discovered they were too financial orientated and I wanted to get some

real experience. Here at Manchester there is much more project and practical-orientated work. The opportunity to travel and the student exchange programme are really excellent opportunities."

The exchange programme operates mainly between New York University, McGill in Canada, the ISA in France, IESE in Spain and the School of Economics in Helsinki.

First year student Adrian Costain, aged 25, also favours the travel opportunities, although he has already extensively travelled the globe in his previous pursuit of nautical studies.

He is sponsored at MBS by Cammel Laird Shipbuilders whom he joined as a graduate management trainee, and to where he will return after completing his course.

He also considered London BS but said: "I took a straw poll among all my contacts in industry and they all said Manchester, definitely Manchester."

Londoner Keven Keane, aged 27, is also a much travelled first year student having had all his money stolen in Venezuela and, later, meeting a girl in New Zealand he hopes to marry.

He said: "I believe Manchester will give me all I seek to be a good entrepreneur. Eventually I want to find a small group of people and we will do things. We will create wealth, not just for ourselves but for other people."

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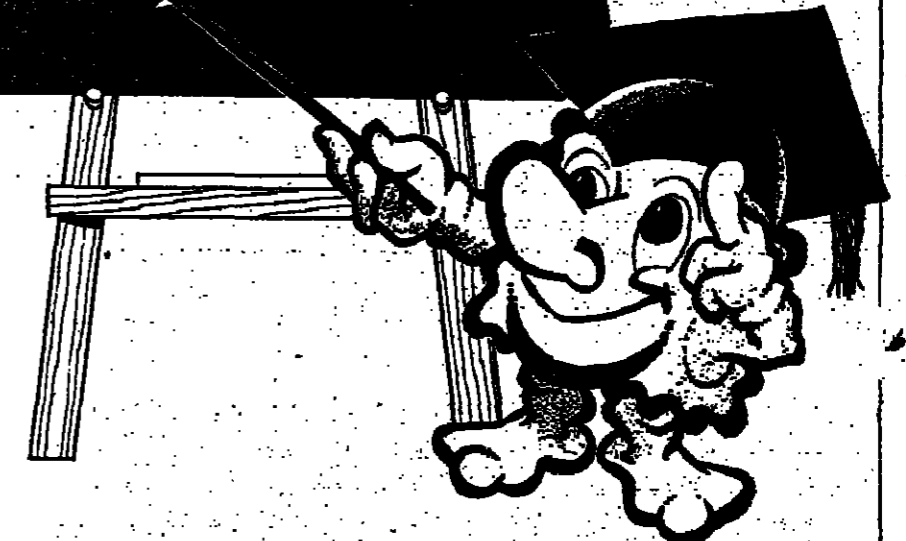
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Computer success: Professor Geoffrey Lockett, above, who won a national competition run by IBM, and a group of businessmen at a seminar run by the MBS

The vital role of continuing research

Research is the lifeblood of the MBS. Professor Geoffrey Lockett, Director of Studies of the doctoral programme, believes it is vital in any organization: "Look at the top companies such as ICI or IBM. They've made their name through research," he said.

He is also alert to the ever-changing face of across-the-board business administration resulting in the ever-changing face of research into it, and also to the vital role of the computer in this area.

It was through Professor Lockett and a group of his colleagues that MBS is now better off to the tune of a £2 million computer package, including two IBM personnel seconded to the school along with two programmers.

The bonus came as a result of a competition launched nationally by IBM. The professor and his team had to beat off 20 other major challengers to win the prize.

The school's link as a faculty of the University of Manchester is all important for the research programme. It is likely that the computer project will involve the departments of accounting and management science at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

MBS's position within the university's embrace is even more vital on a wider front as they have to draw on a vast range of disciplines such as economics, sociology, psy-

chology, engineering and mathematics.

Basically, the school's aim is to make a major contribution to solving the managerial and business problems facing the UK.

This means a long-term research focus while not neglecting immediate issues. It requires development of new ideas, concepts and communication forms, and translation of these into effective teaching and research.

Prof. Lockett, who is also professor of Management Science and an associate director of the School, says MBS has become well known for research in organizational behaviour and design, computers and management, and corporate strategy. The school is putting extra resources into the management of information technology, finance, retailing, banking and strategic marketing areas.

He himself has carried out research and consultancy in a wide variety of industries and organizations, including chemical, pharmaceutical, engineering, food processing and consumer goods. He also is editor of the Journal of Management.

Prof. Lockett believes that research as a whole can only begin with frank, open and honest debate. He said: "Unless I upset someone at some stage on my course, he shouldn't be there in the first place."

Under the umbrella of re-

search units come five major headings:

- **Computer and Work Design**, Director, Enid Mumford. Professor of Organizational Behaviour. It is her task to advise on the introduction of the computer in factories and offices so that people will neither fear it nor be ignorant of its full potential.
- The research of the unit has been primarily concerned with the design and implementation of computer-based systems and has covered the design of office systems, telecommunication, video conferencing and managerial expert systems.
- Prof. Mumford believes a major problem for some managements is that they equip their offices with the latest computer systems without

really knowing how to use it properly.

- **Centre for Business Research**, Director, Prof. Derek Channon. The CBR has evolved as a significant producer of marketing and strategic studies of particular industries which focus upon specific markets and sectors, and provide timely but practical analyses for management and others.
- Especially important has been the development of a series of sector studies in retailing and the distributive trades. It has helped to re-establish a former interest of MBS in retailing, and has been a useful spearhead in the school's rapid build-up of teaching programmes in the area.
- The CBR has also continued to undertake new research

in specific areas of the banking industry in conjunction with the International Banking Centre as well as producing a regular series of market position studies.

- **Research and Development**, Director, Dr Alan Pearson is currently involved in several but interlinked areas of activity.
- First, there is the work to provide a framework in which R and D personnel can exchange views about current thinking in areas related to their present and future job situation. Then it is to encourage a critical analysis of the trends in management and in the environment which are likely to influence particular groups of people in the R and D function.
- A further aim is to show how scientific and technical

developments can be more closely matched with market and user needs to increase the success rate of new product development and new ventures.

- **Creativity and Innovation Group** where they carry out research into the nature of creativity and industrial innovation. Dr Tudor Rickards, as co-ordinator, has specialized in working jointly with innovation problems, or "action research" as it is known.
- Other work includes the extension of the "Ideas Sounding Board" project. This arose from a £10,000 prize awarded by Phillips and Drew for the conception of a scheme to raise awareness of factors influencing the implementation of ideas.
- **Financial Control Research Institute**, a body formed in 1981 by a group of financial directors and senior managers to improve the quality of financial planning and control procedures in the UK.
- It was agreed that the school should provide a "home" for the institute and undertake the research while the financial managers would give the lead in deciding research topics, so combining the benefits of an academic approach with commerce.
- The institute also provides a forum for senior financial managers to share experiences and ideas in a non-competitive environment.



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Challenge of learning a new language

The last halting and ill-pronounced words spoken in French by many a middle-aged businessman were probably something like "au revoir" on the day he left school.

For such a man to present himself today at the MBS Language Learning Centre with the request to learn sufficient French to negotiate a contract to build a power plant in Grenoble is no rare occurrence. Nor would it come as a surprise if he added the rider that he wanted to know enough for the job "by Monday morning."

Those are exactly the "reasons d'être" for the existence of the Centre at MBS, the only business school in the country to run such specialized in-house language courses.

Mr Michael Woodhall, a published translator who has lectured in German at two British polytechnics and organized courses in six languages at the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Lyon, is Director of the Centre.

He explained how four basic questions are asked of candidates for this course which even caters for hyperactive businessmen by starting at 8am.

They are: What is the language needed? Who needs it, perhaps the marketing manager or even a complete team of salesmen? When is it needed? and what level is required, just basic courtesy phrases, or sufficient to understand a specialized report, or enough technical jargon to tender for a contract in Japan?

One question which presents no problem at all is "what language?" All the routine European languages, such as French, German, Italian and Spanish are regularly taught, and other courses available on demand include Dutch, Danish, Chinese, Arabic, Greek, Portuguese or Serbo-Croat.

All the LLC staff are "working linguists" rather than academics. They have all lived and worked extensively

abroad, from Europe to the Far East, and most have a business background. One is a former production manager, another an accountant and a third an industrial relations specialist. The importance of this is that they understand the language of business, the concepts and problems that companies face and can readily relay it to a willing pupil.

Mr Woodhall's assistant director, Mr Howard Ward, worked for Michelin Tyres in the personnel and commercial development departments in France, Ireland and England before taking up his MBS post.

He also spent six months during 1984/85 teaching English at a new business school set up in Beijing, a joint enterprise between the Chinese State Economic Commission and the EEC.

This venture by the school into the Far East was so successful that the Chinese connection has once again been forged by the LLC this year, starting in September, with Mr Ward in charge for the second time.

The six-month course is in study skills to improve linguistic and study capabilities in English. Mr Woodhall will also be heavily involved. He said: "We thought that this time it would go to a European school on a rotational basis, but obviously they were impressed sufficiently with our efforts last time."

He stressed that courses at the LLC are available at all levels, from absolute beginners to the more advanced who merely want to put some top-spin on their current knowledge before venturing abroad.

Most of the students he receives have the "I was never any good at languages at school" syndrome.

But the experience of Mr Woodhall and his staff is that it does not take long to eliminate that attitude. As he said, it only needs a bit of plain language.



On screen: The school's audio visual department

As in life, the best things in business sometimes happen by accident. The origins of the International Banking Centre at Manchester Business School are said to be the result of an accident of timing of an introduction of the MBS philosophy to Barclays International.

The introduction, so legend has it, was made by Professor Sir Douglas Hague, then chairman of the Price Commission and a Northerner with long-standing connections with Manchester University and the Business School. It came at the point when the bank felt it needed outside help to transfer expertise out of its traditional Caribbean and African (and in particular Nigerian) markets and into the oil-rich Middle East, the Far East, Australasia, South America and Europe.

The centre's first banking course was run at Manchester in 1973. The objective was to start converting returning expatriates from operating a domestic banking service in a developing country to international corporate banking in a developed economy.

The programmes initially lasted 17 weeks and were later reduced to 13 weeks, running for seven years at a rate of two

courses a year. Phase one took place at Manchester, phases two, three and four were based at the bank's London headquarters with project teams and individuals moving around the country and overseas as necessary during phases three and four.

Dr James Byrne, director of the IBC, is a little defensive about the existence of an international banking centre based at Manchester when the logical site should be in London. In fact, one of the strengths of the centre from the start has been its willingness to adjust locations as well as content of courses.

Course material is confidential to the banks concerned and examples are drawn from real-life case studies. This can be a big help in teaching bankers when they should and when they shouldn't allow credit and other judgmental skills. It also has the advantage in allowing course members to try out new ideas while still under supervision and without necessarily incurring the full penalties of getting it wrong first time.

Some of the background research and market information

Sound business from sound ideas

The word "unemployment" is not one which rates very highly in the vocabulary of Dr Peter Chisnall. His role at MBS is, after all, to make people with sufficient "get up and go" to do just that.

Dr Chisnall is director of the Small Business Development Unit (SBDU), a department which thrives on a string of success stories equal to anywhere else in the school.

The main aims of the SBDU are twofold - to help fledgling entrepreneurs put sound propositions into viable reality and to develop tailor-made programmes for small and medium-sized firms which have come to a full stop after a few years' trading. Dr Chisnall and his team help them to become bigger, better - and wealthier.

In order to reflect more accurately the aims and ideals of the department, its name was changed last year to SBDU from New Enterprise Centre.

Since then, Dr Chisnall has helped many people up the ladder of commercial success. Such as the man who wanted to start a do-it-yourself garage; another who has established a home for the aged; a woman who now manages a highly recommended ethnic food centre; the Irishman who is flourishing with his natural yogurt and quality ice-cream centre; the man who is boss of his own security firm which guards commercial properties; and the man who is planning

to open up his very own drift mine with the enthusiastic support of the CEGB.

Dr Chisnall said: "We're not interested in the bucket and ladder man. But if someone comes up to us with what appears to be a sound idea with growth potential, employing up to 20 people within 18 months to two years, then we're in business."

At present, three experimental programmes are running in the SBDU: Business Opportunities Programme (BOP), Firm Start (FS) and Tools for Growth (TFG).

BOP covers 18 weeks, takes between 11 to 18 participants and involves 10 non-residential teaching days. In addition, unemployed participants who are mature, experienced executives are attached to small "host" companies in order to provide specific help.

This also gives them an opportunity to exercise their management skills while they are seeking career employment which, in some cases, may well arise from working closely with the companies they are attached to over the three-month period.

Dr Chisnall is proud of his 90 per cent-plus success rate of placing executives, redundant or otherwise out of work, in new and remunerative employment. BOP is funded by the regional office of the Manpower Services Commission.

FS is an experimental scheme which has 18 participants and runs over 52 weeks. It is funded nationally by the MSC and promoted by Greater Manchester Economic Development Corporation. It provides a framework within which individuals or prospective business partners seeking to start a new business, or develop one which is in its early stages, can test the feasibility of their ideas.

Each programme caters for both men and women who learn not only from experienced MBS faculty and outside experts, but also from one another.

TFG is another pilot programme covering a three-year period during which three courses a year will be run, covering a total of 100 participants. The target market is defined as the top management of developing and established small and medium-sized firms, and the course is funded by GMEDEC and the European Social Fund.

One of the main lessons it teaches is the management of money and cash flow and, more importantly, where to get it when you have not got it.

In general, MBS is actively seeking the co-operation of large corporations in enterprise training and hopes to extend its activities significantly.

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The centre to bank the future on

It has just completed a two-year contract to set up and manage an education programme for a Kuwaiti bank, which involved the design, set-up, running and handing over of an entire training department.

Future plans, starting this year, involve diversification into other types of financial service - notably insurance companies and building societies.

First stage of the expansion is an international conference due to be held in London in June which is being organized jointly with the Strategic Man-

agement Society. The objective is to provide a forum for academicians, practitioners and consultants to exchange views on appropriate strategic responses to new developments and to speculate on future trends. The call for papers covers topics far outside strict banking definitions.

"Boundaries between banking and other activities in the financial sector are breaking down because of developments in technology, deregulation and the internationalization of financial markets," says Dr Byrne.

"Banking is changing, bankers need to change, too, and external educational institutions can be key change agents."

"When IBC started in 1973, the banking industry was at the start of a decade of explosive international growth in volume of activity fuelled by the growth in Euro-markets, with correspondingly massive training requirements. That particular phase of development has ended and is now being replaced by a no less explosive growth in complexity of activity, fuelled by rapid changes in technology, by deregulation, by interna-

tionism of markets and by increasing uncertainty about the meaning of the term "banking".

Most large banks have substantial internal training and management development functions as well as excellent residential accommodation for running courses. So why should they use an outsider?

Over the years, the IBC has developed a set of justifications for the service it provides and it falls into two general categories: educational and logistic.

On the educational front, the centre maintains it can provide a quality of teaching at "senior" levels which is probably better than that provided by a single internal department preoccupied with teaching lower level skills and basic analysis training.

Judgmental lessons, in particular, may be difficult to get across effectively, where course members are more senior than internal management development staff.

Although it does run some "open" courses, the main work of the centre is in operating closely with individual companies where it looks for endorsement and support from top management.

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In session: An MBA discussion group

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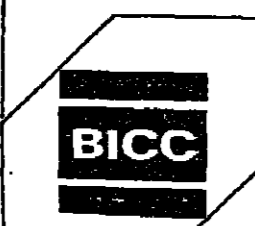
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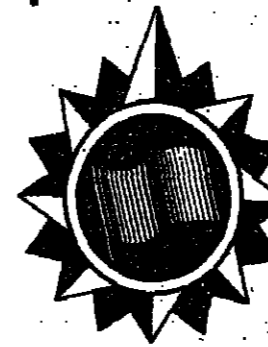
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RACING

Goodman Point to initiate Fontwell double for Gifford

Josh Gifford, whose Findon stable was quick to hit form after the freeze-up, looks poised to strike two more blows at Fontwell Park today with Goodman Point (3.30) and Paddyboro (4.0). Both will be ridden by Richard Rowe.

Goodman Point, my selection for the Old Slindonians Challenge Cup Novices' Hurdle, acquitted himself well at Sandown Park last time out when he finished third behind Home County and Fort Rupert. Considering that he was trying to give a scope to the winner, who then went on to finish fourth in the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham five days later, that performance was probably better than it looked at the time. I take him to confirm his earlier Lingfield superiority over Heart of Stone, even on 6th worst terms.

Paddyboro missed what looked like a tempting engagement at Lingfield on Saturday to wait for the Certain Justice Challenge Cup and I expect the decision to be vindicated. The winner of three races already this season at Wincanton, Leicester and



By The Way, last year's Whitbread Gold Cup winner, who will be a hot favourite for this afternoon's Trent Handicap Chase at Nottingham.

Sandown, Paddyboro is improving steadily and is just the type to win a race like this carrying 11st 6lb. At Sandown I was impressed by the way he finished up the hill to beat The Rejoice and Jo Colombo. Although he has never won over today's distance of 2 3/4 miles, that performance at Sandown indicated that he was ready to get further than two miles, especially around a track as sharp as Fontwell.

Golden Minstrel, a third favourite runner from Gifford's nearby stable, runs in the Slindon College Novices' Hurdle. Having won on the course already, it seems bound to go well again, but in this instance I just prefer Mr Candy, who acquitted himself well behind Paulatim and Deviner at Sandown after winning a handicap at Lingfield by a dozen lengths.

The Slindon Scholars Long Distance Handicap Hurdle, over 3 3/4 miles, looks ideal for Toby Balding's doer mare, Bohersash, who was far from disgraced in the Coral Golden Hurdle Final at Cheltenham last Wednesday.

At Nottingham, Robert Living Fire, is another runner today from Mrs Dickinson's stable today in the Maiden Timber (EBF) Hurdle qualifier. But I prefer both Dryfedale and Easter Festival. Well though Dryfedale ran at Sandown when he was runner-up to Whofar, I still just favour Easter Festival at a difference of 10lb.

Easter Festival caught my eye at Cheltenham when he finished fourth behind the Irish hot, Camute Express. Had he not been hampered two hurdles out when beginning his run he would have finished a lot closer.

Easter Festival's stable companion, Emma Olley, has a chance of winning the first division of the Bendigo Novices' Hurdle, especially if she reproduces her promising Chepstow form with Woodgate, but a much better bet in my view is Bell Foundler to win the second division.

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Last Thursday's Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup produced an exhilarating finish, but in the opinion of the senior Irish National Hunt handicapper, Captain Louis Magee, it would have been even closer for the great mare, Dawn Run, if Jenny Pitman had been able to produce Burrough Hill Lad in peak form. (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Captain Magee disclosed yesterday that he had given Burrough Hill Lad top weight of 12st 3lb in the Irish Grand National which will be run at Fairyhouse on Easter Monday. He allows Dawn Run 5lb and this would have been the precise weight differential between the pair if Burrough Hill Lad had been able to take his chance.

Two of Dawn Run's victims, Combs Ditch and Run And Skip, come next in the Handicap, 2lb below the mare. The 1986 Irish Flat season started off with a photo finish and a stewards' inquiry, but happily for backers of the favourite, Keen Cut, both matters went his way. Harry Quinn shared victory speedily, but started to hang in as Keen Cut made his run along the rail. In the last 50yds Keen Cut ducked away from the rail, glancing off Harry Quinn before going on to win by a head. Having seen the film the stewards decided that the blame could be equally shared between the two colts.

There was no need of the photo-finish camera to determine the outcome of the Warmlife Race. Weight In Gold, the favourite, set off in front and went right away from her field to beat Betsy Belle and Headin West by 16 lengths.

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Table of racing results for Nottingham, including race numbers, names of horses, and jockeys.

Table of racing selections for Nottingham, listing various races and recommended horses with jockey names.

RUGBY UNION

Fitting honour for Deans to lead Lions against world

Colin Deans, the man in the shadows when the British Lions toured New Zealand in 1983, will conclude his successful season as Scotland's captain by leading the Lions against the rest of the world in the International Board centenary match at Cardiff on April 16. The match may not compensate for the absence of a Lions tour this summer, but it is a well-merited honour for the hooker from Hawick, whose country shared the five nations' championship with France this season.

Deans was forced to take the unenviable position of second string to Ireland's hooker and captain, Cian Fitzgibbon, three years ago in New Zealand. He becomes the fourth hooker to lead a Lions party in what will be the second occasion that the touring side has played at home. The first was in 1977 against the Barbarians. A match squad of 21 was named in London yesterday, including five Frenchmen who will be available for the rest of the world XV in Cardiff but who will join forces with the four home unions at Twickenham on April 19 for the second centenary match against players from the remaining 13 countries, New Zealand, Australia, and South Africa.

The Lions include six Scots and six Irishmen, which is an interesting reflection of the championship table, as Ireland finished last. The Irish backs, three of whom are included, might have achieved much more if they had been given better ball by their forwards. The names named do not include Norster, the Cardiff lock, nor do the four Englishmen include Melville, England's scrum half.

Norster, who was suspended after being sent off in a club match in November, was not considered because he had not been part of his country's national squad. Melville was not included because he sustained a neck injury on Saturday while playing against France, so Hill was named in his place.

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FONTWELL PARK

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table of fixtures for various sports including Football, Rowing, and Rugby League, listing teams and venues.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wembley will feature a cup final between a favourite and an outsider on May 3 (Keith Mackay writes). When the draw for the semi-finals of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup was made yesterday, Castleford were paired with Oldham, and Hull Kingston Rovers met the winners of tomorrow's replay between Leeds and Widnes.

ROWING

Over the next three weeks the Tideway and Upper Thames will be the scene of great rowing and sculling competitions. Yesterday Oxford arrived on the Tideway to begin their final preparations for the Boat Race on March 29 (3.15). Cambridge come down this afternoon.

Dickinson in double form

Monica Dickinson, the Hawwood trainer, sent two runners to Newcastle yesterday. Dan The Miller and Hopful Mission - and landed a double after a blank Cheltenham.

Today's course specialists

Table of course specialists for Fontwell and Nottingham, listing horse names and jockeys.

Date for Cram

Steve Cram will make his first appearance of the season in the McVitie's City Centre road race in Newcastle on March 26. Last year Cram came sixth in the 3,000-metre race, which was won in a thrilling finish by Dave Lewis. This year there will also be a women's mile for the first time.

Blow for Stainrod

Simon Stainrod, the Aston Villa forward, will miss the last seven weeks of the season. Stainrod, who was signed from Sheffield Wednesday for £250,000 in September, needs an ankle operation.

Various small notices and advertisements at the bottom of the page.

Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

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6.00 Ceefax AM. Breakfast Time with Frank... 6.15 Good Morning Britain... 9.20 For Schools: How to describe things accurately...

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BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Science - Spreading Oceans... 9.00 Ceefax... 9.20 Daytime on Two...

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: Baby Face (1933) starring Barbara Stanwick... 5.00 Switched... 5.30 More Than Meets the Eye...

CHOICE

paintings and a possible new explanation for the tragedy of cot deaths... HIDEAWAY (BBC1, 9.40pm) reaches its final episode...

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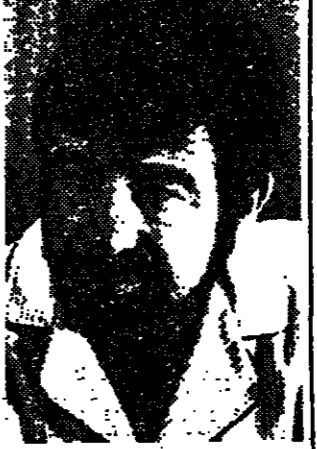
7.20 File on 4... 8.00 Mademoiselle With... 8.30 The Tuesday Feature: The Rabbit Woman of Godalming...

Radio 2

On medium wave, VHF at end... News on the hour... 10.30 Bob Holness (s), 8.00 Old Time Radio...

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, 7.00 News... 7.05 Morning Concert (Germanian)... 7.30 The Musical Separation...



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ENTERTAINMENTS

Grid of entertainment listings including Opera & Ballet, Theatres, and various theatre companies like the Royal Opera House, National Theatre, and various regional theatres.

SPORT

Form of Hateley and Wilkins is tonic for Robson in his World Cup preparations

Italian heroes, English tonic

From David Miller, Milan

Draped from the upper tier of the San Siro stadium at the home matches of AC Milan are several Union Jacks...

and they are both quick and mobile. Hateley is intimidating and difficult to handle in any circumstance...

Juventus of his time, he added, would have put four goals past the team which will play Barcelona in the European Cup tomorrow.

Those goals, making him the club's top scorer with seven, will do him no harm when Hateley negotiates...

What was especially significant about Hateley's goals on Sunday was his speed of thought and reaction.

Hateley's comment is that the difference playing for Milan compared with England is that Milan break much more quickly...

Nor will the goals do any harm to England's ailing World Cup prospects.

The second, judged to perfection, came as Hateley, having drifted to the right of the penalty area...

England need to have someone who will stay there to give freedom to Bryan Robson and Hoddle.



Looking to Mexico: Wilkins (left) and Hateley hope to take their Italian form with them.

Shy Wen finds Russians a trial

From Michael Coleman, Geneva

To Wen Chong Yang's dismay, he was given the same training room as the Russians during preparations for the world figure skating championships here.

His legs began to freeze like the ice under his blades, his athletic motors seized up, his will to compete melted away.

Urgent calls from his trainer and others at rinkside to go through the motions when his turn was called...

Imran says tour will go on despite incidents

Colombo (Reuters) - Imran Khan, the Pakistan captain, said yesterday that the tour of Sri Lanka would continue despite an earlier decision by his players to abandon it because of abuse and alleged threats to their lives.

Wright, 46 not out overnight, went on to his fifty in 195 minutes, hitting five fours...

Rutherford was at the centre of an incident yesterday when he was adjudged caught at the wicket by Zoehrer off Waugh for 18 when the total was 62.

John Bracewell, the New Zealand off spinner, who took six wickets for 32 runs in Australia's second innings and 10 for 96 in the match...

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N Zealand overcome Australia

Auckland (Reuters) - New Zealand defeated Australia by eight wickets in the final Test match at Eden Park yesterday to win the three-Test series 1-0.

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French lends England a touch of class

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Bridgetown

Midway through the last afternoon Barbados, needing 267 to record their third victory since the war over an England touring side...

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Age of Riessen

Dallas (Reuters) - Marty Riessen has been named coach of the US Federation Cup and Wightman Cup teams.

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Neck injury will not stop Melville

Nigel Melville will not play again this season after sustaining a neck injury in France on Saturday...

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Waiting game

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TENNIS

Navratilova wins again

Dallas (Reuters) - Martina Navratilova overwhelmed Chris Lloyd 6-2, 6-1 in the final round of the \$250,000 Virginia Slims women's tournament...

Clearing the air

Nora Perry and Martin Dew, the two leading figures in the controversial players' petition to remove the England manager...

New chairman

Duncan Fearnley, the cricket bat-maker, is to be the new chairman of Worcestershire. Fearnley, born in Yorkshire, played for Worcestershire when they won their first county championship in 1964.

Gone west

The west stand at Northampton's county cricket ground is to be replaced before the start of the new season after being declared a fire risk.

New system

A four-point plan for a regional league system to operate beneath the existing National Merit Tables will be presented to the Rugby Football Union's annual meeting in July.

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Open Games plan under Eastern fire

Berlin (AP) - East Germany and the Soviet Union have announced plans to open the Olympic Games to professional athletes...

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